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Pocahontas High School
Pocahontas, Virginia

Volume LXVIII

Betty C. Gentry

The faculty, staff, and student body wish to express their sincere appreciation to Mrs. Gentry for her many years of dedication to the students at Pocahontas High School. During her twenty-nine years at PHS Mrs. Gentry was involved in many aspects of the school program. She taught both senior and middle school English and organized the Pen and Scroll, a creative writing magazine for middle school students. She was an active member of the TEA, VEA, and NEA. Mrs. Gentry will be remembered for her love of teaching and the positive influence she had on the lives of those who taught.

All of us at PHS join in wishing you, Mrs. Gentry, a very happy retirement. We will miss you.

Rita N. Haun

How does one sum up a career, a life dedicated to young people and a place called Pocahontas? One suspect's words won't tell the story of twenty-nine years of teaching at one place, at one school . . . From 1969 to 1998 . . .

. . . twenty-nine times one hundred twenty days equals five thousand two hundred twenty-two days of bittersweet glory . . . five thousand two hundred twenty times Rita Haun arrived at PHS as early as anyone . . . hundreds and hundreds of students coming out of the cold, dark-sky school morning into the warm light of her room to make up missed assignments . . . Mrs. Rita Haun, softly singing to herself as she walked her halls, our halls, the halls of Pocahontas High School . . . other teachers greeted . . . principals from Kovach to Brewster . . . "Macbeth shall never be vanquished until Great Birnam Wood to high Dunsinance shall come against him." We know this because of you, Mrs. Haun . . . no sentence fragments and subjects with verbs must agree . . . Avoid Passive Voice . . . "Do it or fail! We have no problem!"

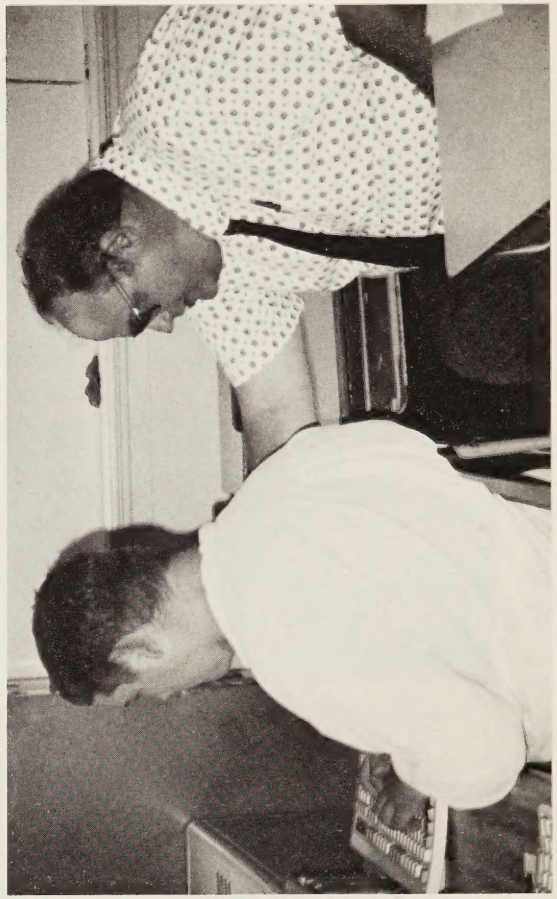
. . . How many essays did you grade, Mrs. Haun? How many plays did you produce? How many teacher's meeting did you attend? How much of yourself did you give, never expecting a thank you? Just how many hearts did you touch, Mrs. Haun? Just how many lives did you change?

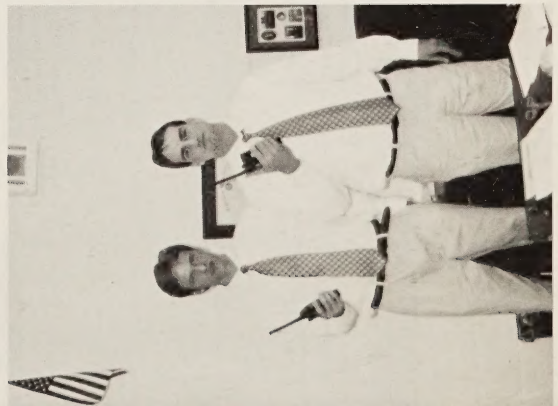
. . . Mrs. Rita Haun, do you understand that, from 1969 to 1998, for five thousand two hundred and twenty-two days, you provided light for us to see, strength for us to respect, sympathy for us to clasp, knowledge for us to cherish? Do you understand that we love you, Mrs. Haun?

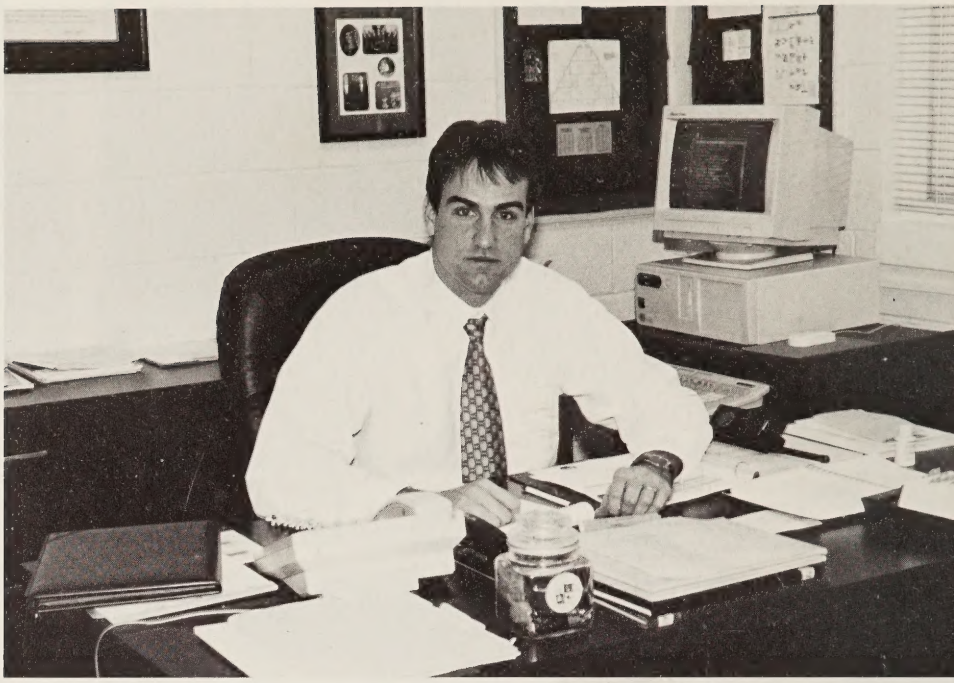
With these words, and with our hearts, we say thank you, Mrs. Haun . . . and goodbye . . .

bakkes REAL bread

Administration



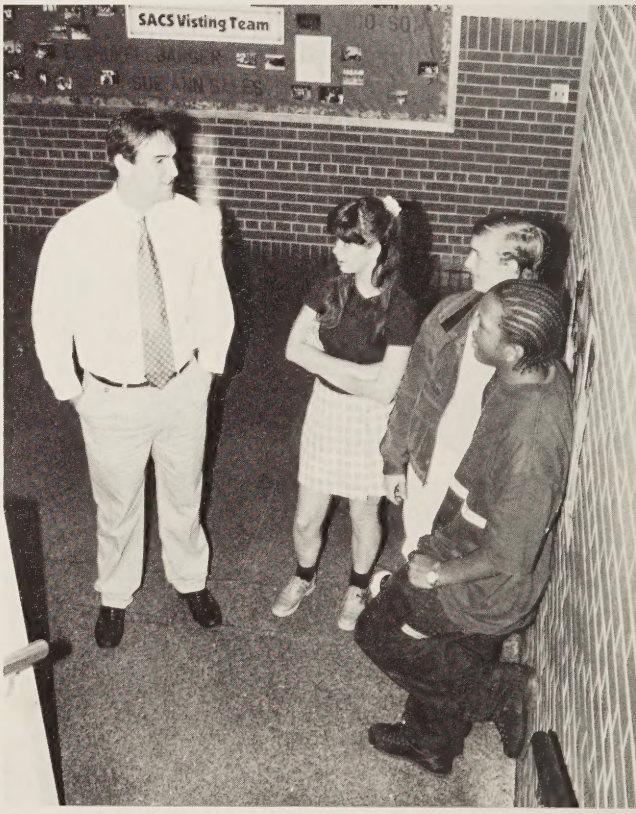




Principal — Thomas M. Brewster

The faculty, staff, and students at PHS are happy to welcome our new principal, Mr. Tom Brewster, former assistant principal at Tazewell High School.

Each of us is looking forward to working with Mr. Brewster to achieve the goals of our mission statement" . . . to develop literate contributing citizens who are prepared to succeed in postsecondary education and the world of work."



Mr. Brewster talks with students Melissa Lewis, Jason Byrd, and Sherman Carr

Mr. Brewster and Dr. Emmett Shufflebarger

Accountant — Shellie Hartley

Medical Assistant — Sue Howell

Secretary — Debbie Willis

Guidance Director — Kathy Tabor

Vera Austin

Todd Baker

Rebecca Beckett

Cassandra Bourne

Gilla Bradshaw

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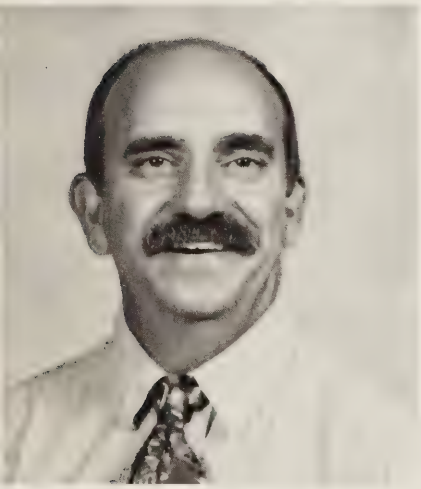
Patricia Reeves

William Roach



James Stanley

Catherine Steinberg

Linda Trigg

Michael Truman

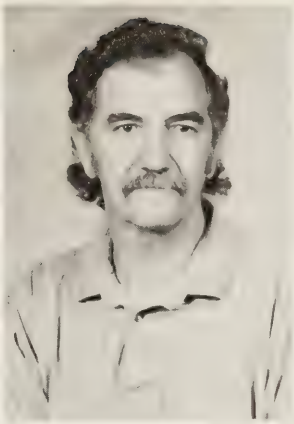
Clyne Wright

Bruce Wright

Robert Wyatt

Eric Yost

Cooks — K. Davis, W. Rider, S. Green



Custodian — L. Crouch

Custodian — F. Crouch

Custodian — J. Catron

Bus Drivers — J. Lambert, B. Allison, L. Stevenson, S. Jeffery, C. Payne

A sincere "Thank You" to these great people who keep our school special.

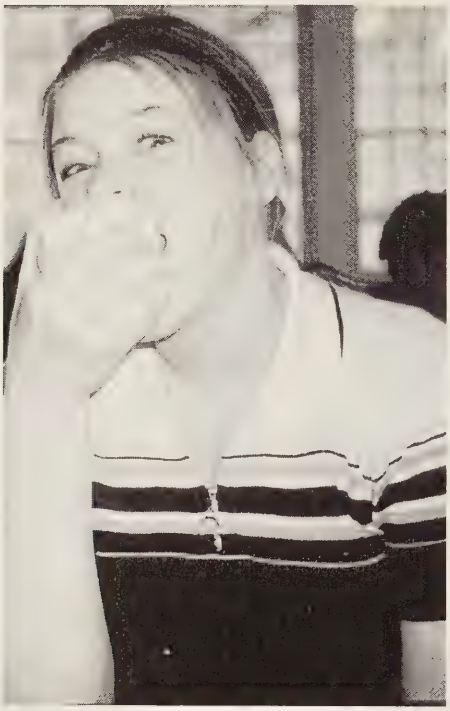
Sub. — B. Maxwell

Sub. — T. Shrader

Sub. — C. Davis

Next cast for FRIENDS

LEAVE ME ALONE!



Visions of Boston dancing in her head

Last day of in-school!

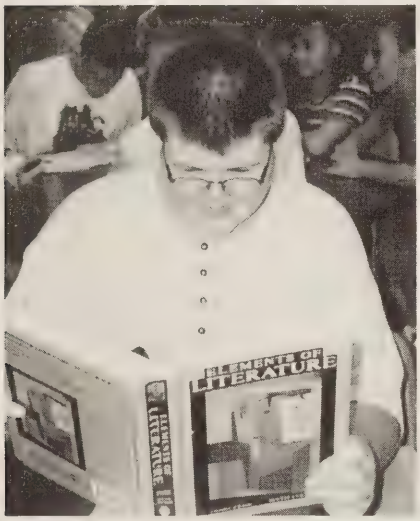
Cheezin' for the camera

They didn't catch me did they?

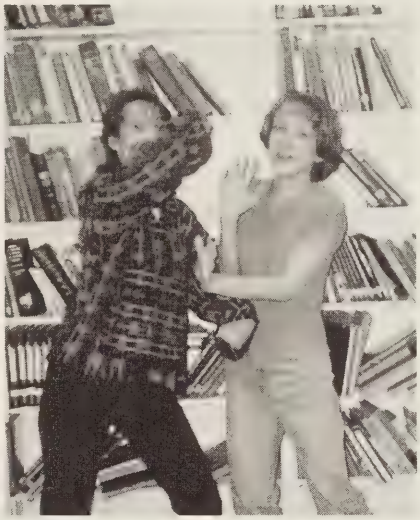
Eat your heart out Cindy Crawford

Valley Girls!

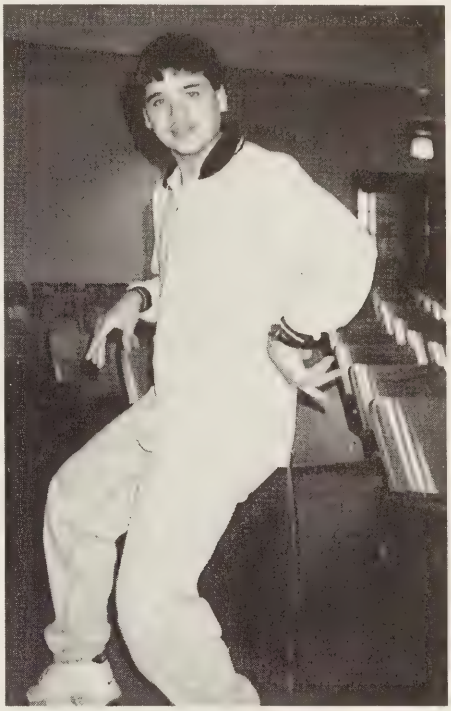
Are we in a bad mood?



Macbeth is sooo . . . boring

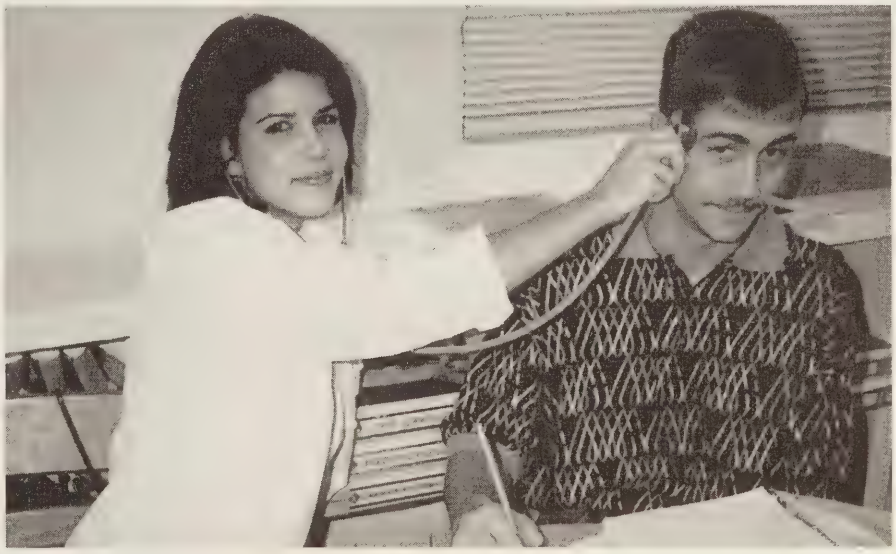


Battle of the Brains



Doin' a little dance . . .

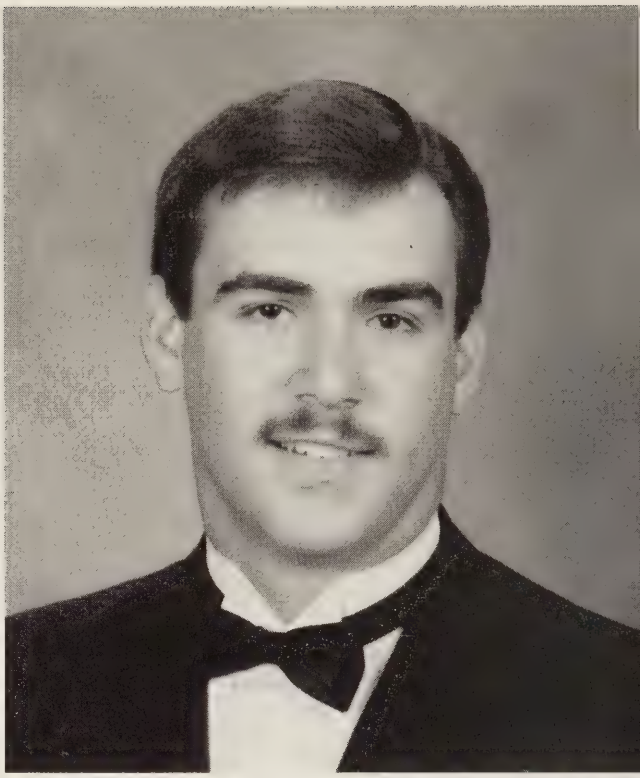
Did somebody say something?



Playin' doctor!

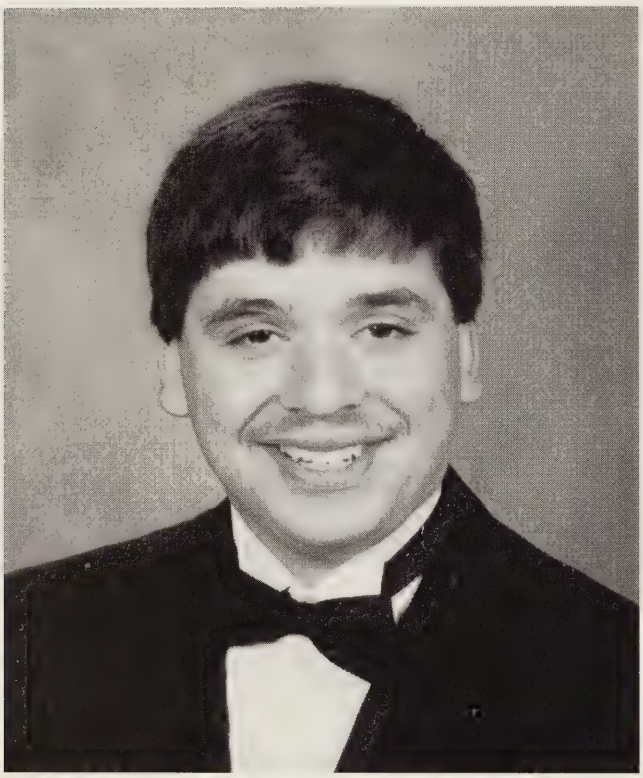
Steven Andrew Boone

Football, Varsity Club, KVG's, Beta Club
Best All Around



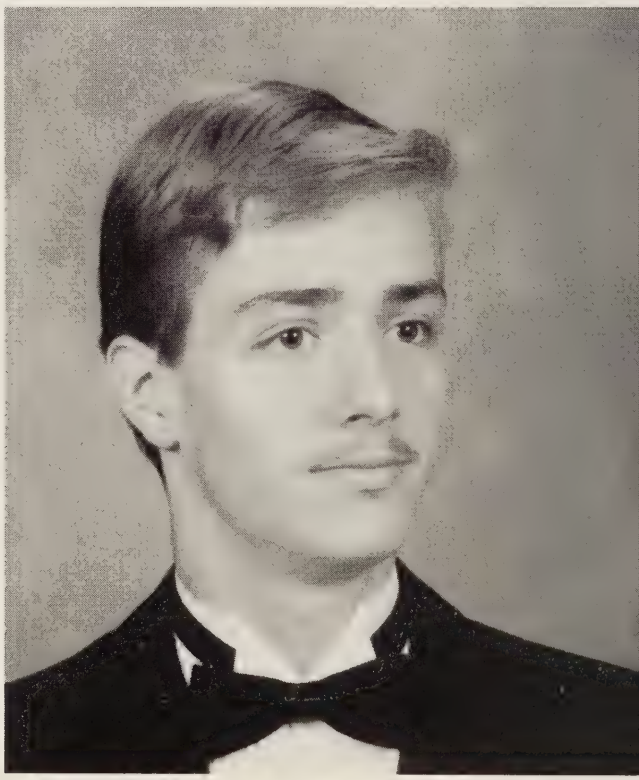
Joseph Jessie Boyles

Football



Jason Lee Byrd

Football



April Dawn Clark

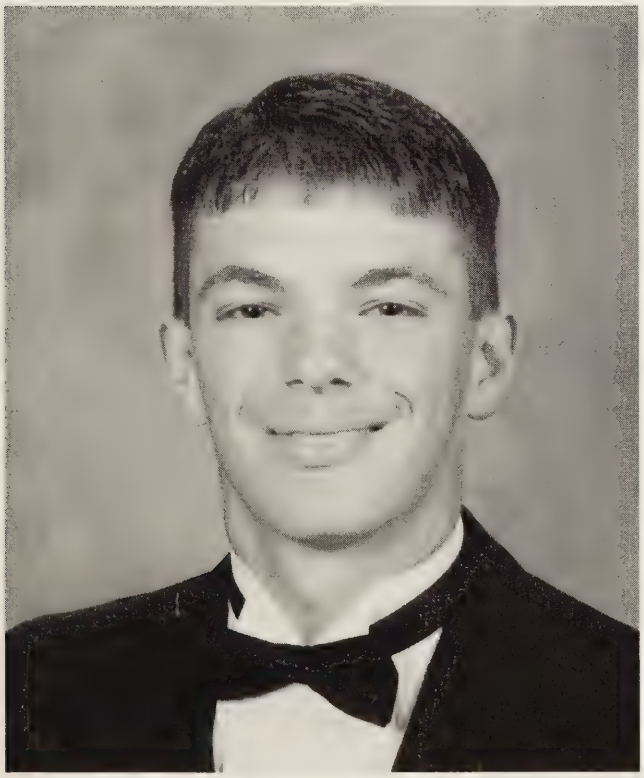
Cheerleading, Basketball, Beta Club, Art Club, Varsity Club, Spanish Club, Model UN, SADD

Most Popular

Tara Ashlee Creasy

Basketball, Beta Club, Ecology Club, SADD, Spanish Club, Art Club, Model UN, Drama Club, SCA Pres.

Best Looking



Jason Brent Crist

Football, Basketball, Golf, Track, Varsity Club, Beta Club, Art Club

Best Looking

Jennifer Lynn Crotty

Choir

Amber Nicole Davis

Spanish Club, Art Club, SADD, Model UN, Drama Club, KVG's

Biggest Flirt

Angela Adean Davis

Track, SADD, Math Club, Art Club, FHA, Model UN

Robin Michelle Dawson

Basketball, Cheerleading, Art Club, Spanish Club, Varsity Club, SADD, Beta Club, CADRE

Most Athletic

Tammy Michelle Green

Volleyball, Art Club, Upward Bound, FHA, Drama, SADD, Ecology Club

Tamekica LaShaun Goodson

Choir, Project Discovery, Pen & Scroll, Drama Club, Varsity Club

Most School Spirited

Alisha Darlene Groseclose

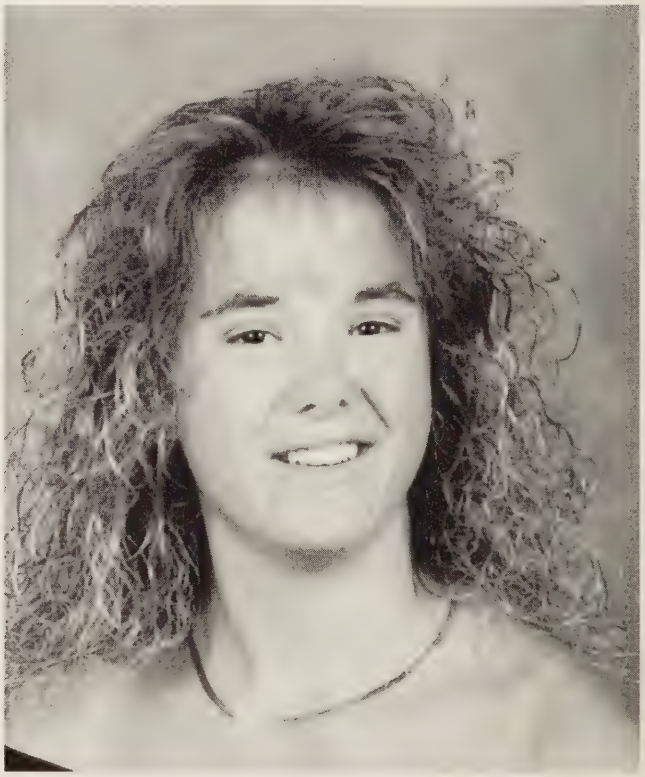
SADD, FHA, Drama
Most Mischievous

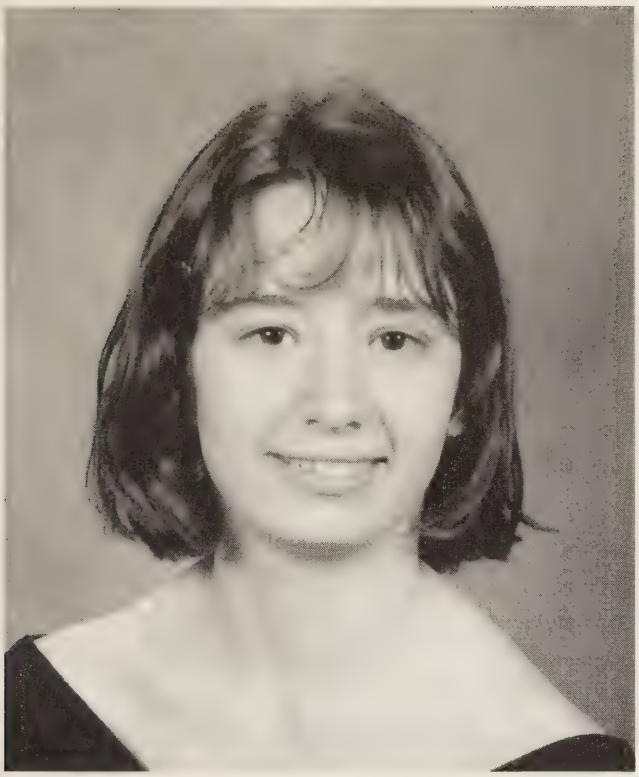
Jodi LeAnn Groseclose

Basketball, Cheerleading, SADD, Beta Club, Varsity Club, Art Club, Spanish Club, Model UN
Best All Around

Terri Lee Groseclose

Basketball, Cheerleading, SADD, Beta Club, Varsity Club, Art Club, Model UN, Spanish Club
Best Dressed

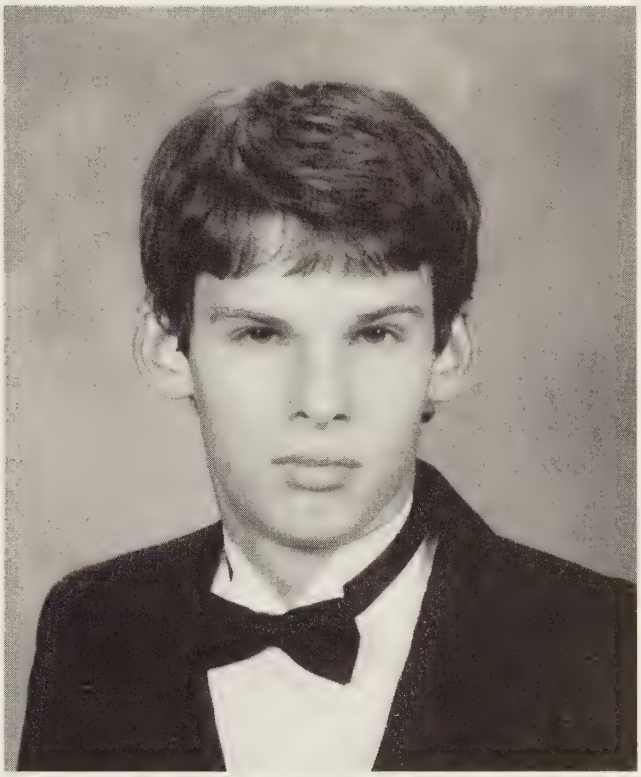




Beulah Marie Hill

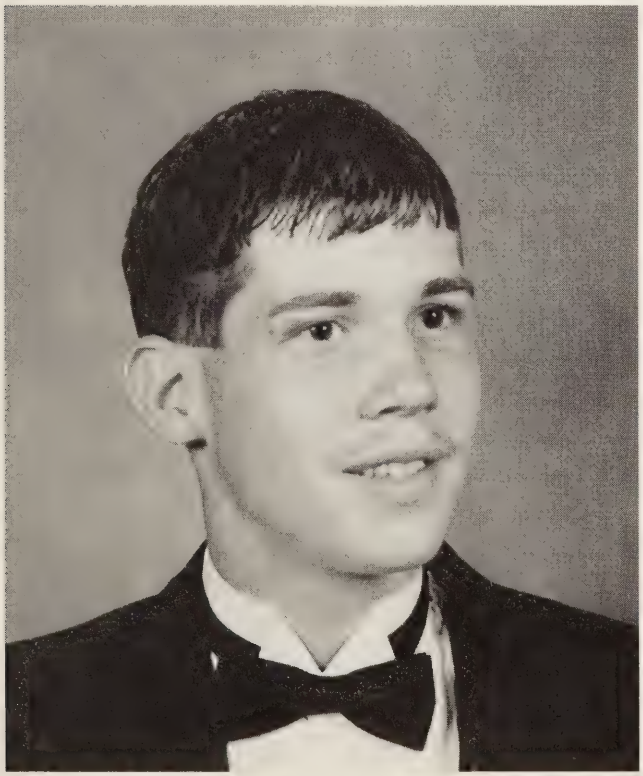
Track, Spanish Club, Math Club, SCA, Beta Club, SADD, CADRE, MGA, TCAC, Pen & Scroll, Model UN

Most Talkative



Lucas Aaron Hill

Drama Club, Ecology Club, Pen & Scroll, SADD
Class Clown



Raymond Jackson Hill

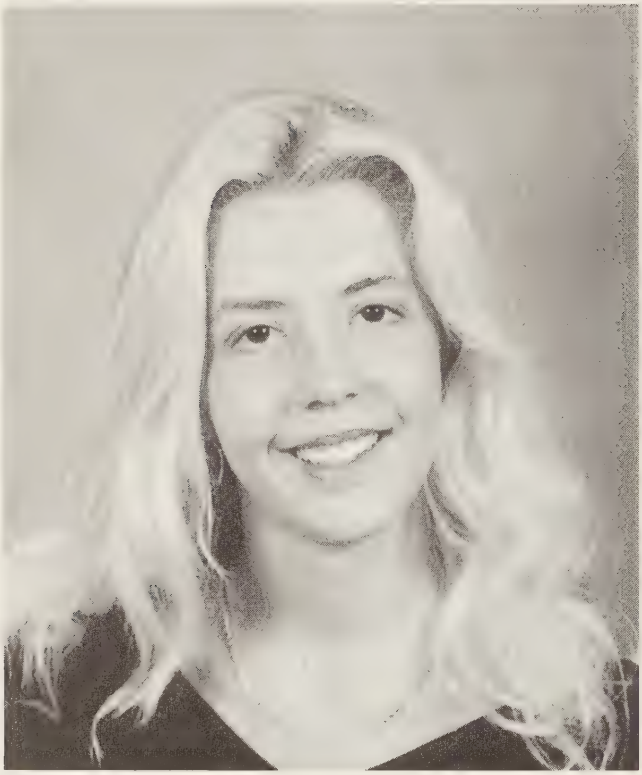
Football, Band, Choir, Art Club, Drama Club
Biggest Flirt

Contessa Shea Lail

Volleyball

Jacqueline Suzanne Lewis

SADD, FHA, Drama Club, Model UN
Class Clown

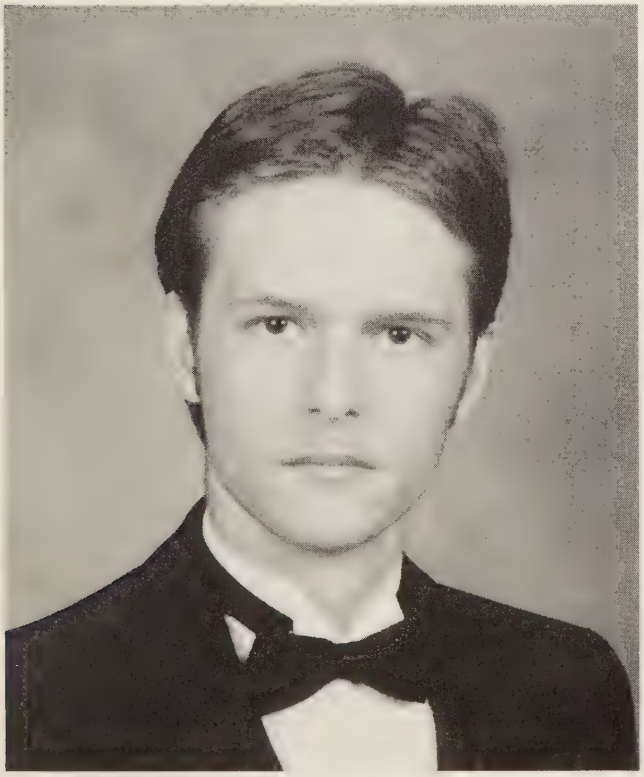


Anthony Paul Milam

Most Talkative

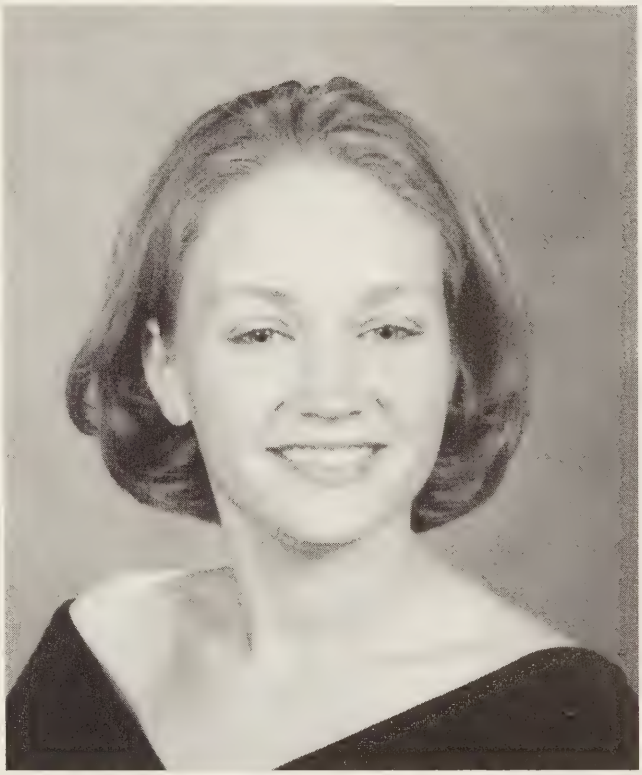
Brandi Lea Miller

SADD, Drama Club, FHA, Model UN, Art Club
Best Smile



Christina Jarrell Milam

Art Club, FHA



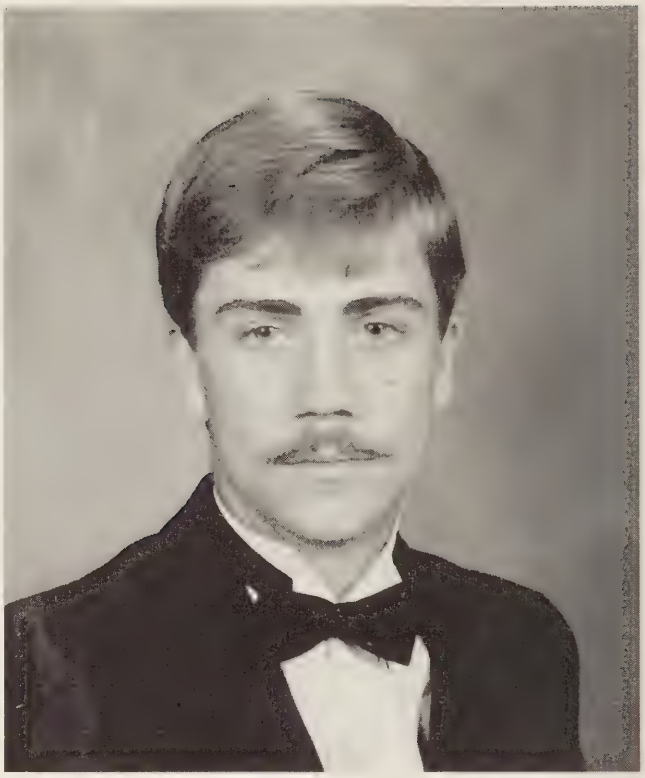
David Lynn Murphy

Basketball, Spanish Club, Art Club, Varsity Club, Pen & Scroll, SADD, Model UN, Ecology Club

Travis Rangley Nolley

Football, Track, Art Club, Drama Club, Varsity Club, KVG's, Model UN

Most Popular



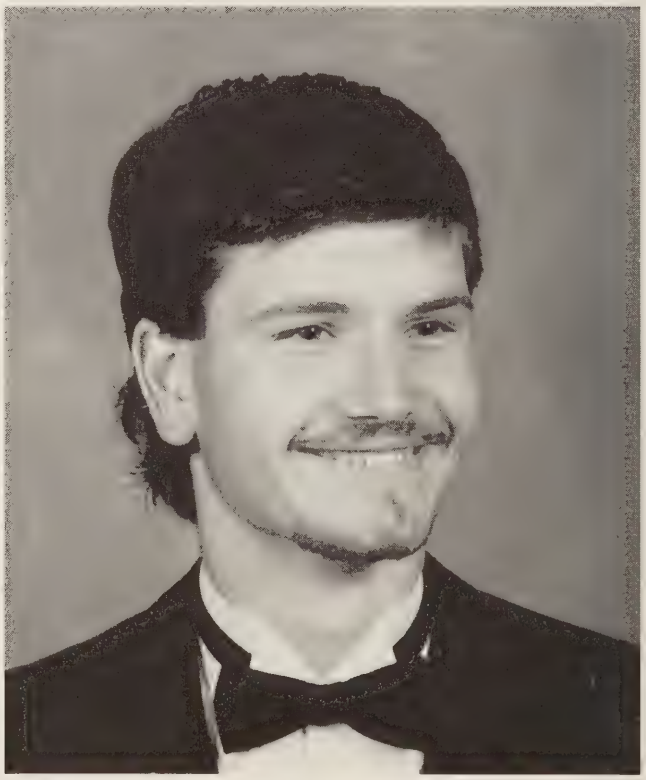
Shannon James Payne

Football, Varsity Club

Most Mischievous

Timothy William Rider

Best Smile



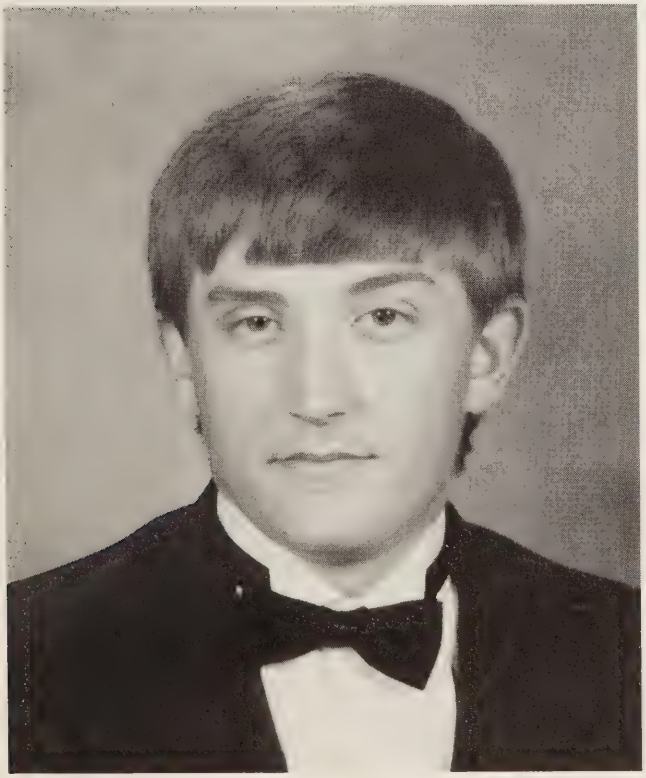
Lee Gillespie Rose

SCA, Pen & Scroll, SADD, Beta Club, Spanish Club, Model UN, TCAC

Most School Spirited

Joseph David Sayers

Quietest

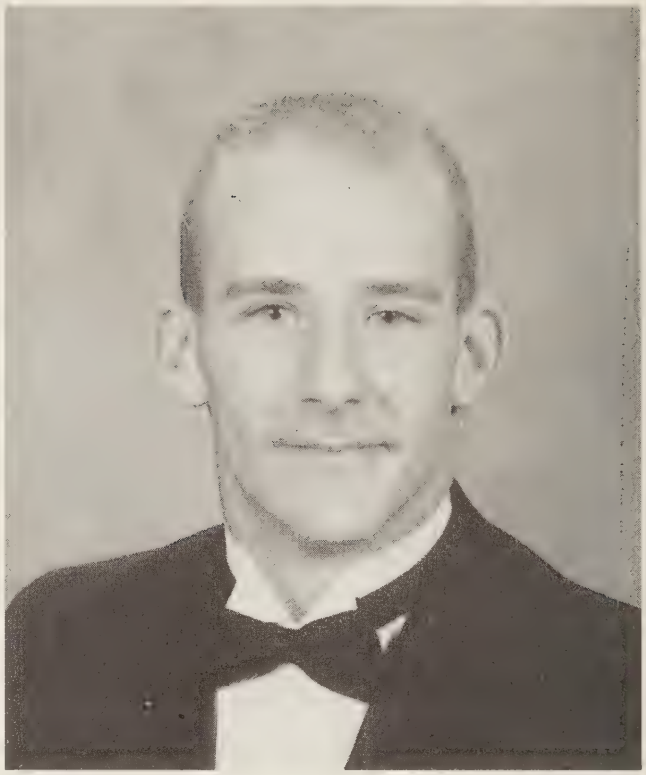


Eric Scott Shupe

Football, KVG's

Randy Ray Shupe

Football, Basketball, Track, Art Club, Spanish Club, Varsity Club, SADD, KVG's
Most Athletic



Robin Michelle Shupe

Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Spanish Club, Beta Club, Varsity Club, Math Club, CADRE, SCA, SADD, MGA, TCAC, Pen & Scroll, Model UN

Saretta Lee Sparks

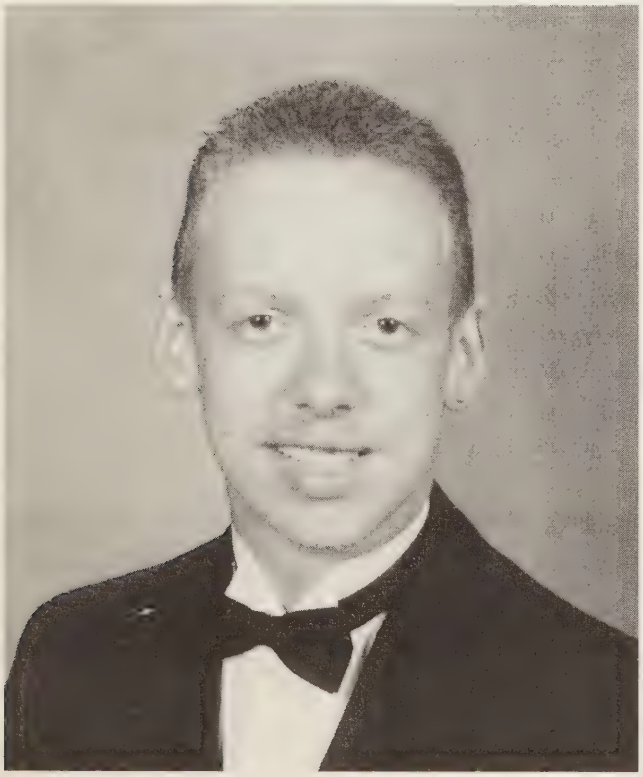
FHA

William Eugene Taber Jr.

Football, Band, Art Club

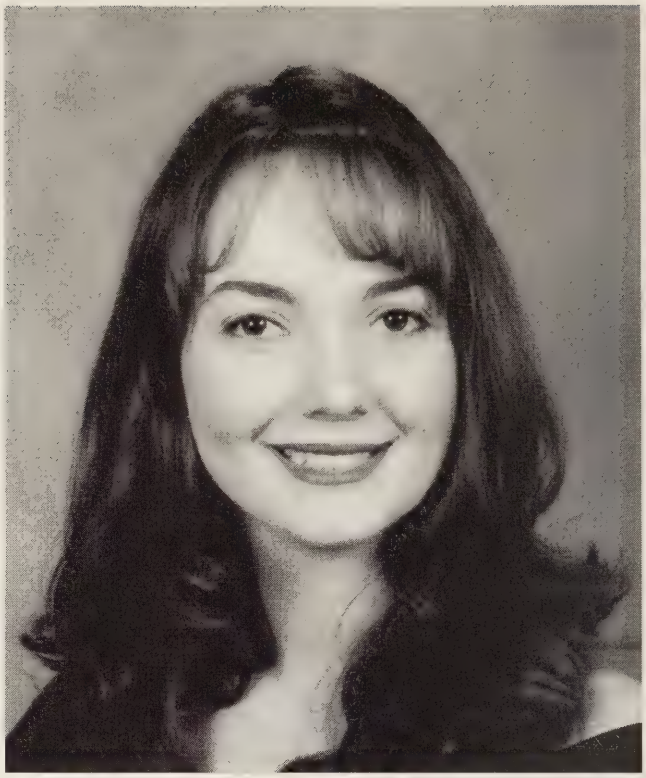
Angie Marie Thompson

Volleyball, Drama Club, Art Club, FHA, SADD
Quietest



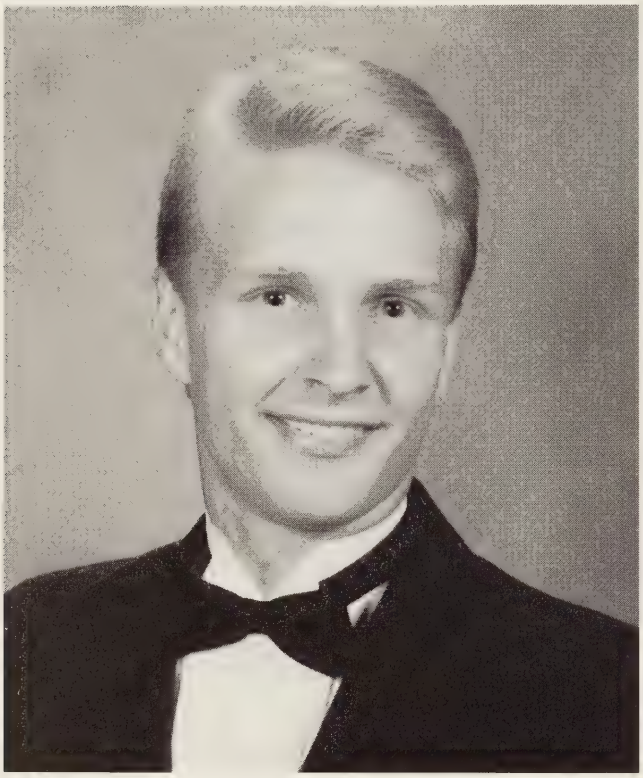
Jacob Stephen Thompson

Football, Basketball, Art Club, Drama Club, Choir



Sarah LeAnn Trivett

Pen & Scroll, Ecology Club, Project Discovery, Drama Club



John Daniel Williams, Jr.

Football, Basketball, Golf, Track, Art Club, Varsity Club, KVG's, SADD, Model UN

Best Dressed

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED!!!

Senior Class Officers

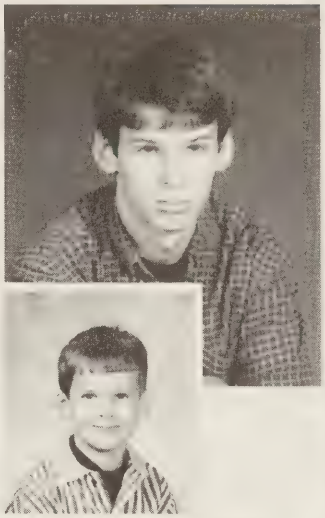
President:	Robin Shupe
Vice President:	Jodi Groseclose
Secretary:	Amber Davis
Treasurer:	Terri Groseclose
Class Flower:	Yellow Rose
Class Colors:	Blue and Silver
Class Motto:	"One equal temper of heroic hearts, made weak by time and fate, but strong in will to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

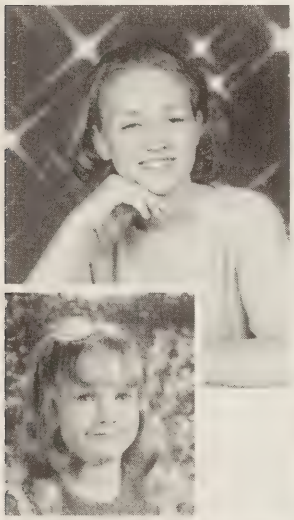
If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them . . .

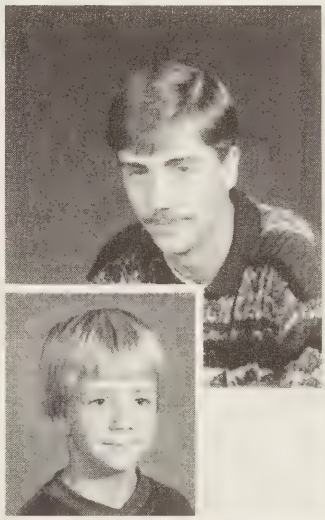
Thoreau

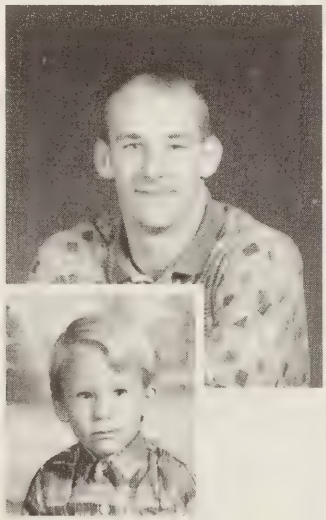
From Beginning . . .

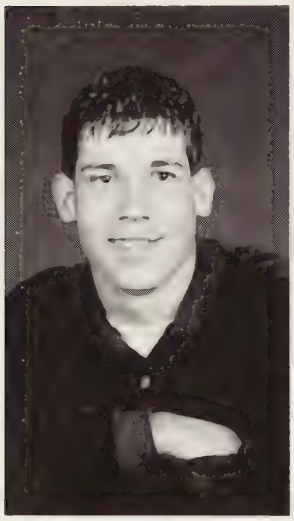
To End











Our Journey

A shooting star across the ridge,
A simple dream began.
And as fast as our five year-old feet would go,
We took that dream and ran.
"Simple, little, runny-nosed kids," daddy called us,
Thrown together into the melting pot that was kindergarten.

We became friends, we made our enemies,
And we all began to live:
Some not satisfied with going to school,
Some giving all they could give.
We grew . . . "like weeds," mama said,
But we grew.

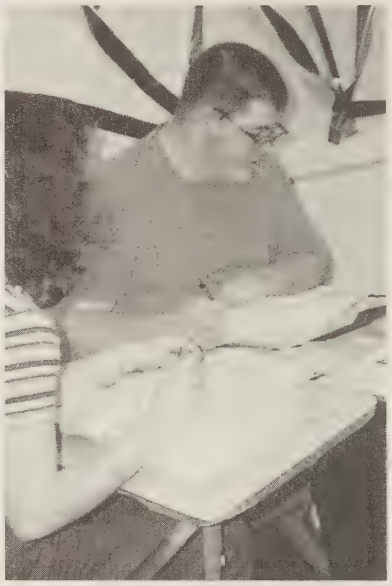
Bad grades, long days, summer vacation,
Holidays made of snow;
We continued to laugh and be ourselves,
Pushing the limits as far as they would go.
Hardheaded teenagers who knew everything,
"I know, daddy, don't tell me twice."

How we detested our teachers
And thought the school day would never end!!
Now we think so differently,
Some teachers are our best friends.
"Mama, you wouldn't believe this lady!
She's like my mama when you're not near."

Now the shooting star is somewhere else,
And we're parting to discover our dreams.
What to do? Where to go?
It's all more frightening than it seems.
"I have no idea, daddy, tell me.
Tell me again, the boogieman's out there!!"

Kindergarten comes again,
We are starting over.
We need help and maybe a little luck,
A rabbit's foot a four-leaf clover.
"They have no idea, but they'll learn."
That's what I heard mama say last night.

by
Robin Shupe



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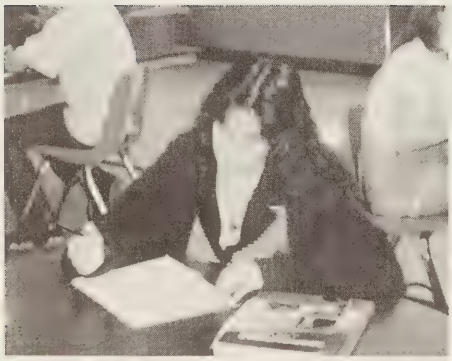
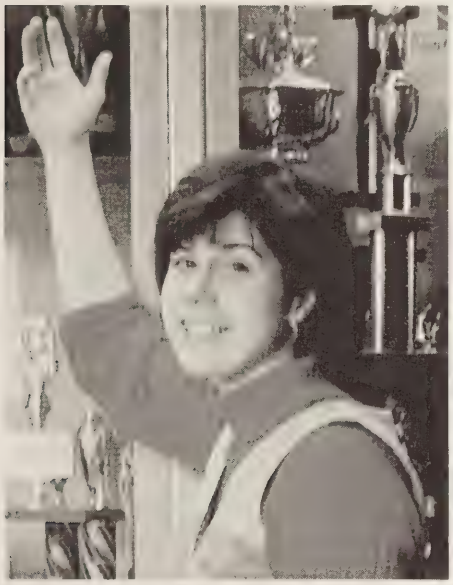
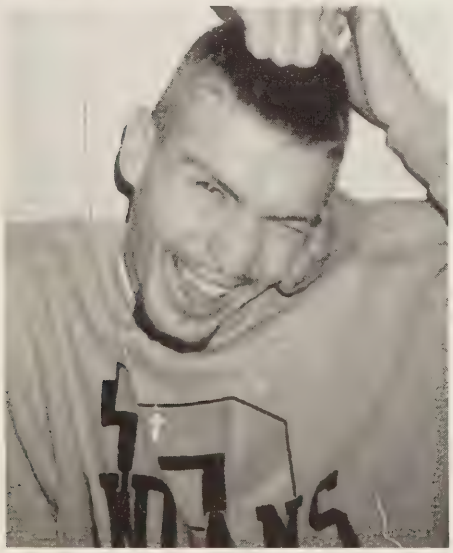
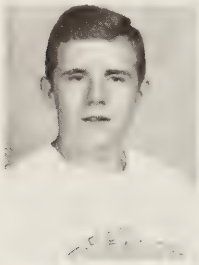


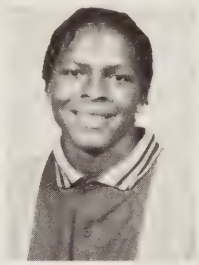


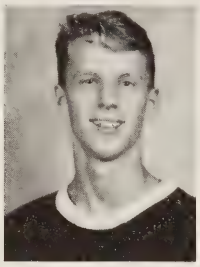


Class Of 1999

The junior class faced many new challenges this year. They worked hard raising money for the 1998 Prom, and developed a sense of unity among themselves. Tension, but excitement mounted, as members of the junior class were about to embark on their biggest challenge of all — their senior year. Look out "1999".







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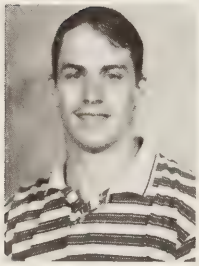
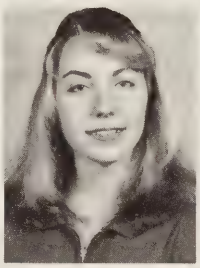
Sherman Carr
Jessie Catron
Shawn Dawson





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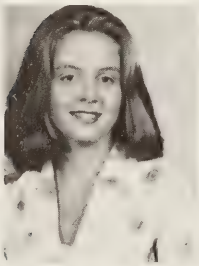
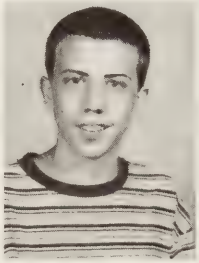
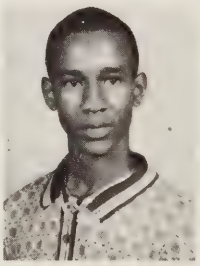
Amanda Godby
Ricky Graham



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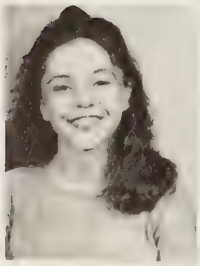

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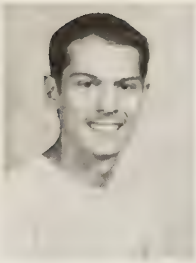
Wendy Nolley
Carie Nunley



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Ashley Scott
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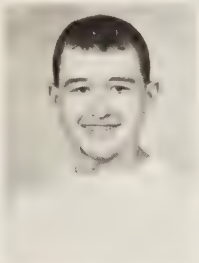
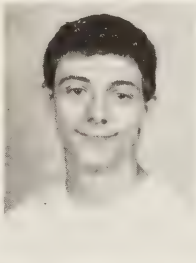
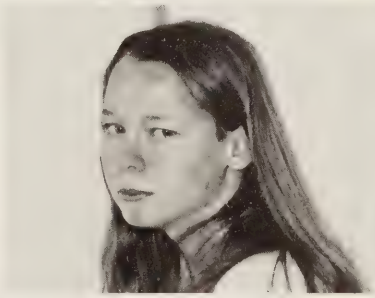



Matt Stepp
Mack Sluss
Randy White
Jessica Weaver
Chris Woodard

Too hot to handle!

Go Dave . . . Go Dave . . .

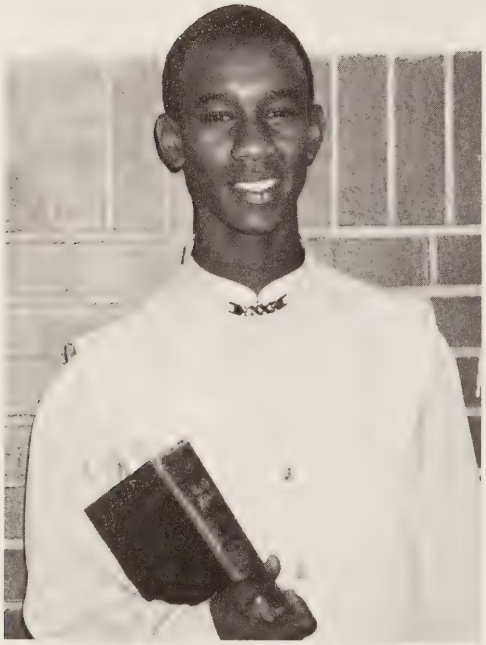


What a face!

Rockin' 'round the Christmas tree . . .

All work and no play . . .

Dazed and Confused!



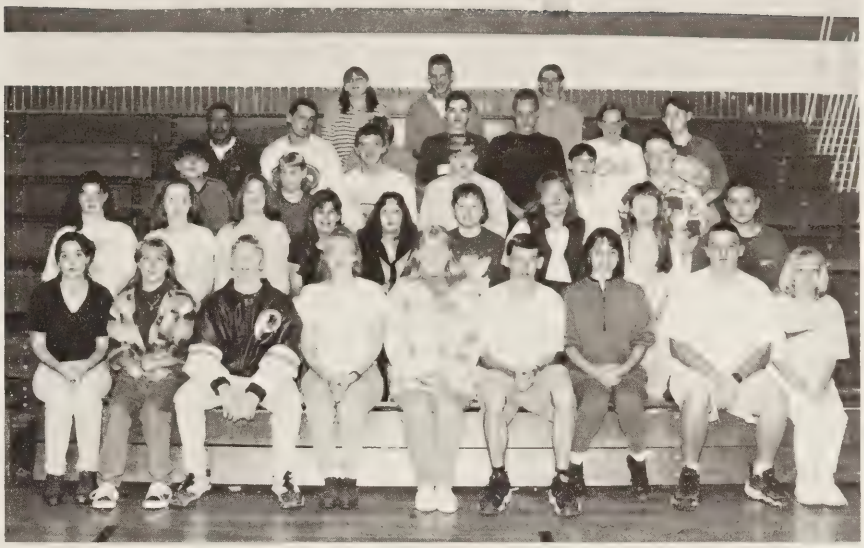
Son of a preacher man . . .

My hand is about to fall off.

Mm Mm Good

Memories that last a lifetime!

Class Of 2000



As we enter the new millenium, the class of 2000 is preparing to blaze a path into the future. As our sophomore year ends at P.H.S., we look back on it and realize that we do have what it takes to achieve our goals. Look out world, here we come!

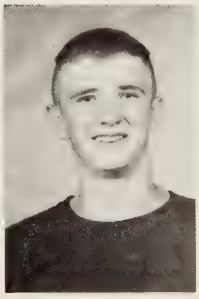
What's my combination again?

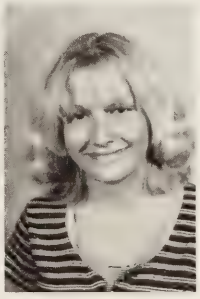
President —
Monica Cartwright

V. President —
Charlie Harris

Treasurer —
Jennifer Suehs

Secretary —
Rena Collins



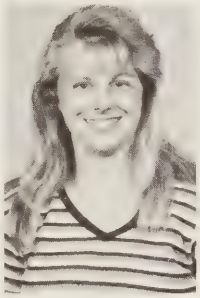


Shane Agee
Courtney Atwell
Kathy Creasy
Barry Davis
Misty Dillon

Say Cheese!

Sexy Legs!

Sherena Farthing
LeAnne Fore
Melissa Hackney
Christopher Hardy
Kristi Harless



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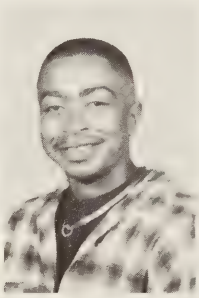
Dale Jones
Rebecca Lambert



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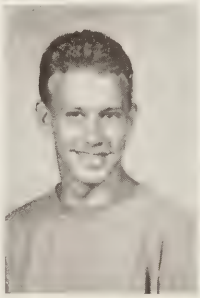
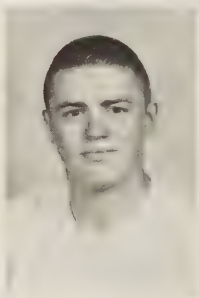
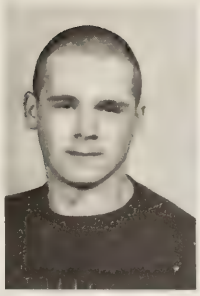
Michael Murphy
Jamie Nunley







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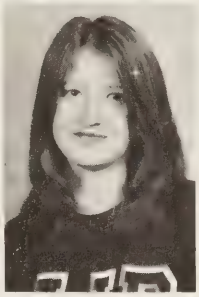
Brandy Shortt



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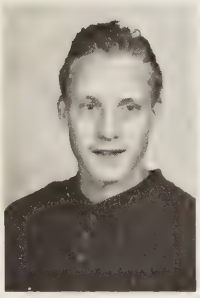
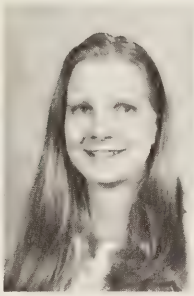
Robert Taylor
Amber Taylor
Aaron Thompson

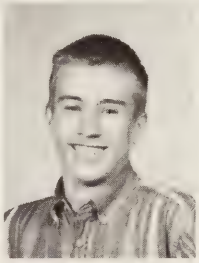
Katy Thompson
Steven Trimm
Cheryl Williams

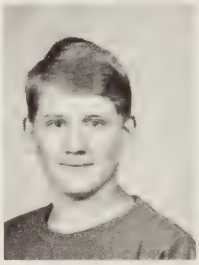
Guess Who?

Just Hangin' Out!

Class Of 2001

Johnathan Asbury
Roger Atwell
Alicia Blackmon
Adam Cannoy
Krista Cartwright





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Jessica Cranfill
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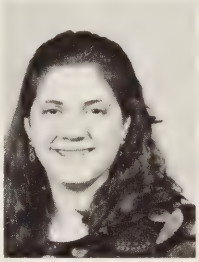

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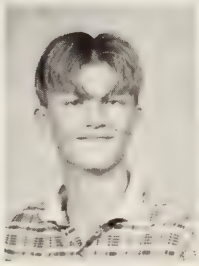
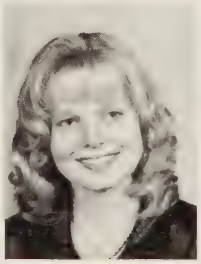
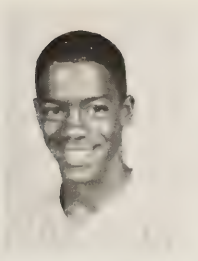
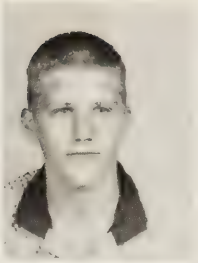
Courtney Lewis

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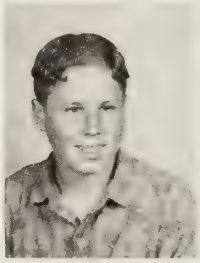

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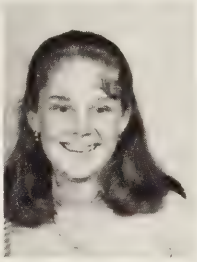

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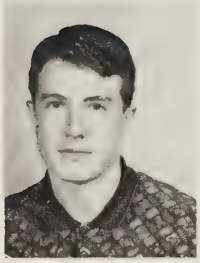
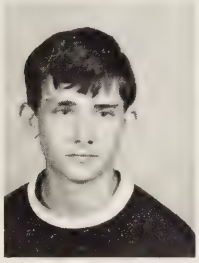
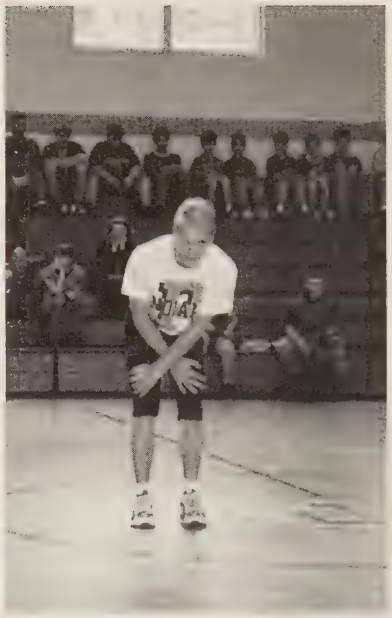



Chad Wills
Bobby York

Not Pictured —
Crystal Lawson

It was a good year for the Class of 2001. We are now officially in high school, and all our classes counted toward graduation. We laughed, we struggled, but most important we learned to survive.

Don't Be Cheatin'!!!



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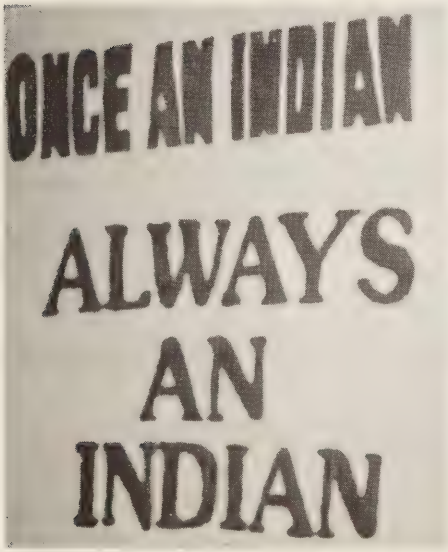


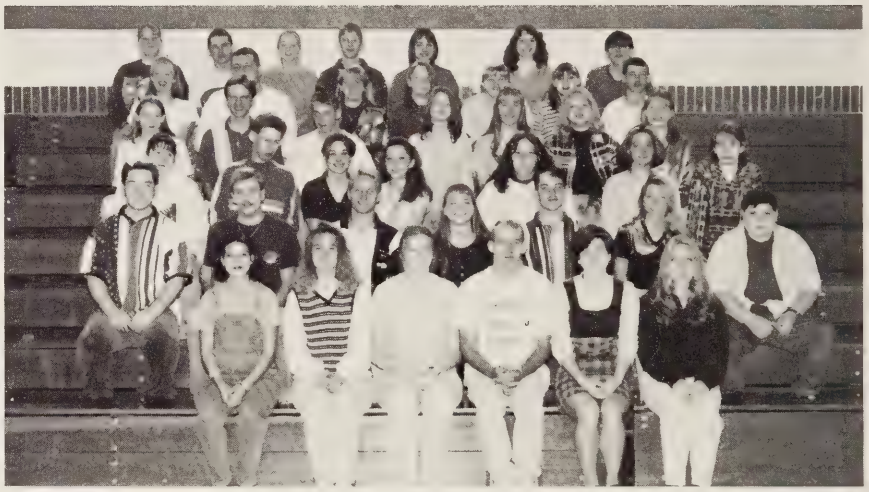
SCA

The Student Council Association is the official governing body of the students at Pocahontas High School and is involved in school and community service projects.

SADD

S.A.D.D. at PHS is made up of 10th through 12th graders who have a commitment to reducing drinking and driving related deaths in America. Our local chapter is part of a national organization designed for this purpose.

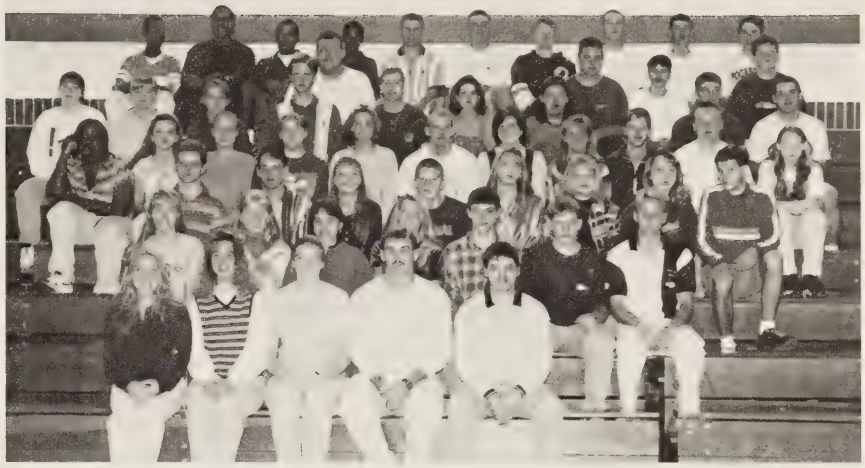
Our programs and activities primarily revolve around the prevention of drunk driving at the Christmas holidays and on Prom night. We sponsor the "Red Ribbon" Program symbolizing a personal commitment to drive sober.



Art Club

Membership consists of former and current art students. They help decorate for ball games and other special events during the school year. They are also painting wall murals throughout the school. Sponsor — Billy Roach

Varsity Club



The purpose of this organization is to promote good sportsmanship. Membership is open to all athletes who compete in varsity sports. Sponsor — Coach Wyatt

Spanish Club

The purpose of the Spanish Club is to provide opportunities outside the regular classroom setting to learn more about the Hispanic culture. This year Mrs. Beckett, Mrs. Gillespie and 23 students traveled to VA High School to see a performance of the Ballet Folkorico de Mexico. Another major project included a Mexican Christmas play written by Robin Shupe and performed for the student body. Sponsor — Rebecca Beckett

Voice Of Democracy

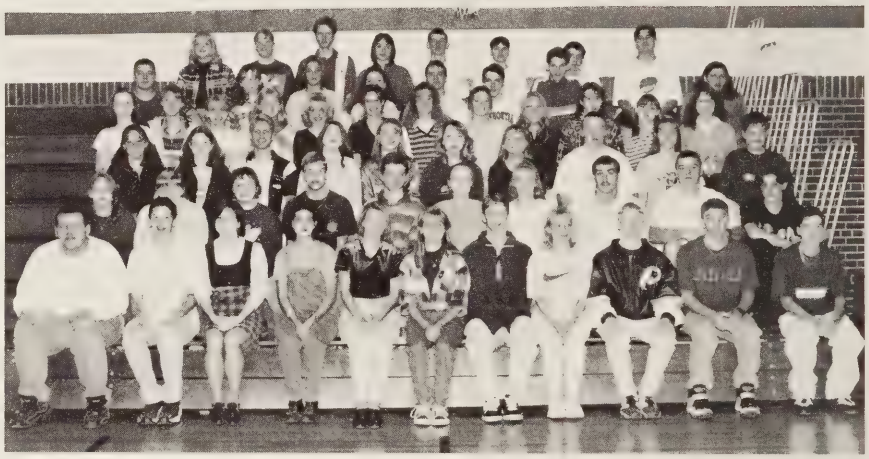
The Voice of Democracy essay contest was a school-held event in which students were asked to exhibit their voice in our democracy. The winners were honored at the VFW in Bluefield, VA. The first place essay competed in the district competitions.

Ecology Club

The purpose of the Ecology Club is to promote awareness of the environment and man's impact on it. The club is charted through the Virginia Division of Litter Control, and is affiliated with NEED. Projects include pollution control, recycling, and public awareness campaigns. Sponsor — Linda Trigg

Model U.N.

The individuals who participate in Model U.N. are chosen in 9th through 12th grade to debate simulated real problems in today's world, and try to provide solutions. Once these students prove themselves as delegates they may remain in this organization until they graduate.



Math Club

The purpose of the Math Club is to enjoy math. We will work with puzzles, computer software, and graphing calculators. The high school members of the math club are usually on the math academic team. Sponsor — Cathy Steinberg

Beta Club

Membership in this organization is based on the student's grades. This is a service-oriented club, which promotes academic achievement. Each spring the members attend the state convention. Officers: Pres. Robin Shupe; V. Pres. Marie Hill; Sec. Jodi Groseclose; Treas. April Clark. Sponsor — Barbara Gillespie

Drama Club

The Drama Club promotes an interest in the art of acting and provides students with an opportunity to participate in drama and other forms of stage art. The members also participate in district and regional theatre festivals. Sponsor — Rita Haun

KVG's

If there is a forest fire in the area, the members of this organization have agreed to assist in the fighting of the fire, in order to preserve the beauty of our wooded areas. Sponsor — Eric Brown

FHA

FHA boosts self-confidence by helping members channel their enthusiasm and creativity into workable plans with attainable goals. It also encourages members to use their "special" skills during chapter activities and to participate in national programs. Sponsor — Cassandra Neylon

Pen And Scroll

The Pen and Scroll exists to support **Creative Minds,** the literary magazine at PHS. Each member of the club is encouraged to submit material to the magazine, and to purchase **Creative Minds** and read it. The Pen and Scroll Society also buys copies of **Virginia Writing** so that students at PHS can read student writing from around Virginia. Sponsor — Bob McGraw

Talent Search

This program provides qualifying students with information on colleges and universities, counseling on matching interests and abilities, assistance in applying for financial aid, tutoring with difficult subjects. Tutorials meet twice monthly on campus at Virginia Tech. Sponsor — Kathy Tabor

Upward Bound

Upward Bound is a program designed to complete high school, to choose a career, and to pursue a college education. It also provides qualifying students with information on colleges and universities. Sponsor — Kathy Tabor

Project Discovery

Project Discovery has basically the same standards and goals as Upward Bound. Students may not participate in both. Project Discovery is a county-run project. Sponsor — Kathy Tabor

Morning Vocational

Randy White, Nicholas Nunley, Chris Woodard

Evening Vocational

Joey Boyles, William Tabor, Lora Sluss, Eric Shupe, Contessa Lail, Timmy Rider

Annual Staff

Business Manager —
Jodi Groseclose

Editor —
Robin Dawson

Sports —
Tara Creasy and Steven Boone

Middle School —
Carie Nunley and Angela Davis

Pocahontas High School Marching Band

Pep Band

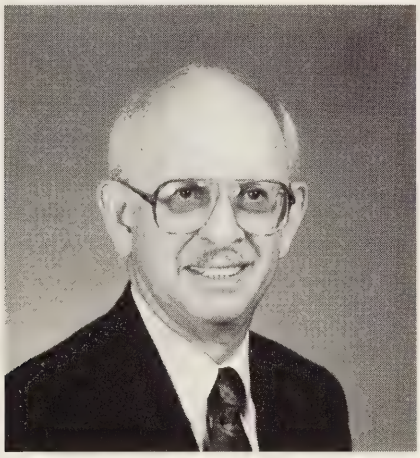
Roger Atwell, Michael Miller, Justin Vest, Chris McCroskey, Anthony Milam, Krista Jennings, Ray Hill, Dustin Thompson, Tera Cartwright, Sabrina Hill, Monica Cartwright, Jennifer Suehs, John Lewis, Nathan Keller

Drum Major

Angel Roberts

Choir

Mary Sturgill, Ray Hill, Tammy Green, Anthony Milam, Tamekicia Goodson, Jake Thompson, Amber Davis



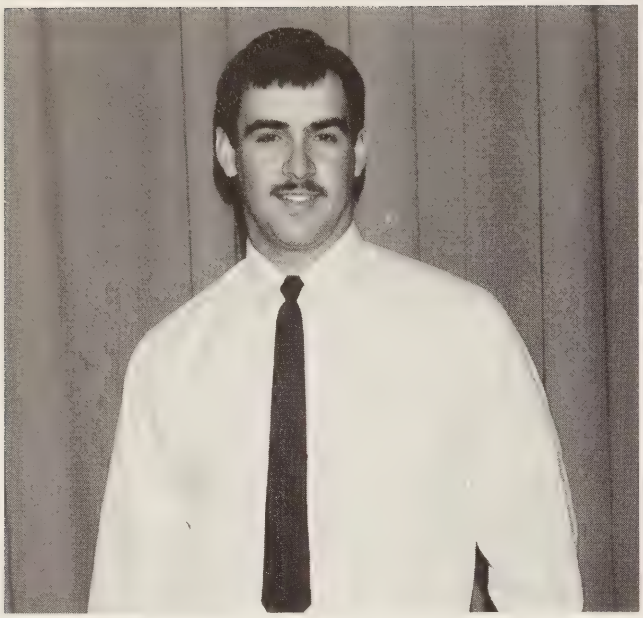
Earl E. Erskine, III

For the last thirty-two years the halls of PHS have vibrated with the "sound of music" from the marching songs played during the football season to the traditional Christmas carols, from Pop to Classical, from R and B to country all under the direction of our music teacher, Mr. Erskine.

Mr. Erskine has been an inspiration to his students and the many trophies and honors that the band has won are testimony to his creativity and dedication.

Enjoy your retirement, Mr. Erskine. The sound of your music will always be with us.

1998 Prom



King
Steven Boone

Theme: The Dance
Date: May 2, 1998
Colors: Green & Black

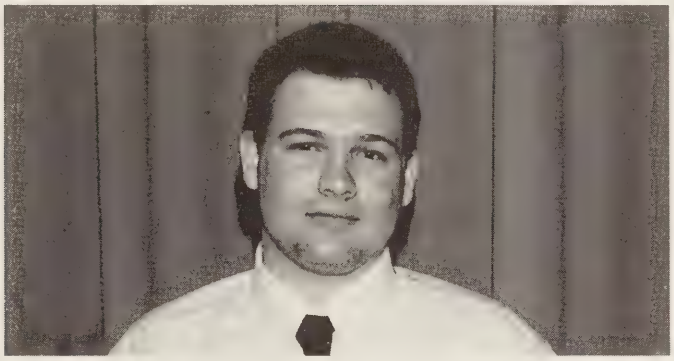
Queen
Terri Groseclose

Senior Attendant:
Anthony Milam

Senior Attendant:
Tara Creasy

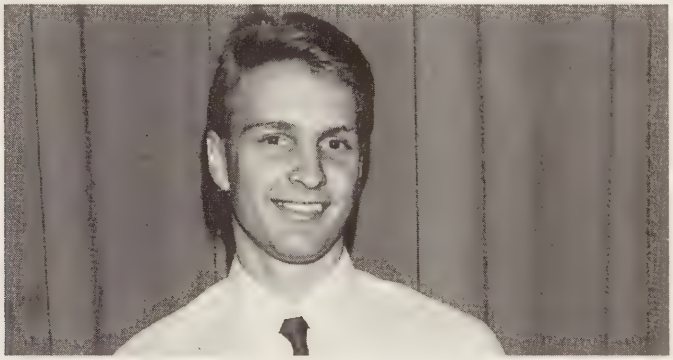
Senior Attendant: Travis Nolley

Senior Attendant: Amber Davis

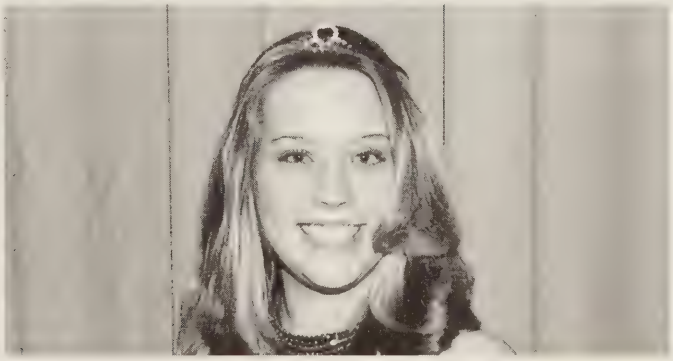


Senior Attendant: Shannon Payne

Senior Attendant: Aleshia Groseclose



Senior Attendant: Daniel Williams

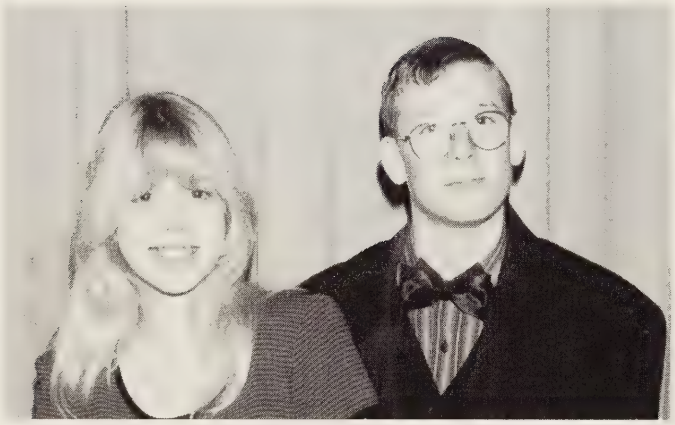


Senior Attendant: Jodi Groseclose

1998 Snow Court

Snow King: Anthony Milam
Senior Attendant: Robin Shupe

Junior Attendants:
Travis Folks
Angel Roberts



Sophomore Attendants:
Robert Tabor
Jenifer Suehs

Freshman Attendants:
Brandon Davis
Sabrina Hill

Senior Attendant — Tara Creasy
Escort — Jake Thompson

Senior Attendant — Robin Dawson
Escort — Joe Sayers

Homecoming

Seniors

Queen — April Clark
Escort — Timmy Rider

Senior Attendant — Jodi Groseclose
Escort — Daniel Williams

Senior Attendant — Terri Groseclose
Escort — Anthony Miliam

Jr. Attendant — Susie Sells
Escort — Jason Byrd

Tenth Grade — Samantha Sells
Escort — Shane Agee

Ninth Grade — Dawn Casey
Escort — Andrew Jennings

Pen & Scroll — Tamekica Goodson
Escort — Luke Hill

Beta Club — Pam Nunley
Escort — Tim Poseno

Spanish Club — Ashley Scott
Escort — Travis Folks

Math Club — Monica Cartwright
Escort — Brandon Davis

Ecology Club — Jenifer Suehs
Escort — David Murphy

SADD — Sherena Farthing
Escort — Shawn Dawson

FHA — Melissa Lewis
Escort — Anthony Thomas

1998 Spring Festival

9th Grade Attendants
Joey Lane & Dawn Casey

10th Grade Attendants
Chris Jackson & Rena Collins

King
Travis Nolley

Queen
Tara Creasy

11th Grade Attendants
Ricky Graham & Amanda Godby

Senior Attendant: Angie Davis

Senior Attendant: Steven Boone

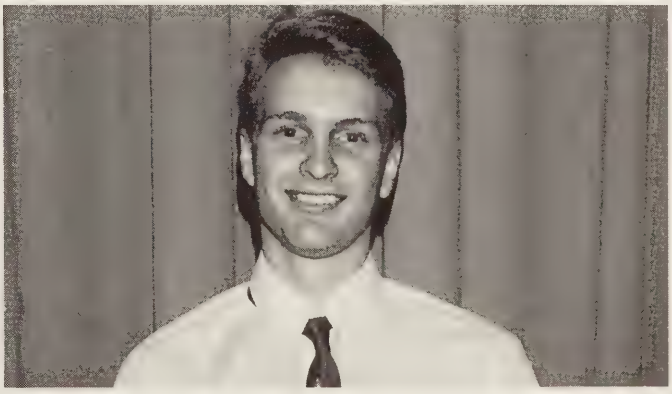
Senior Attendant: Robin Dawson

Senior Attendant: Anthony Milam

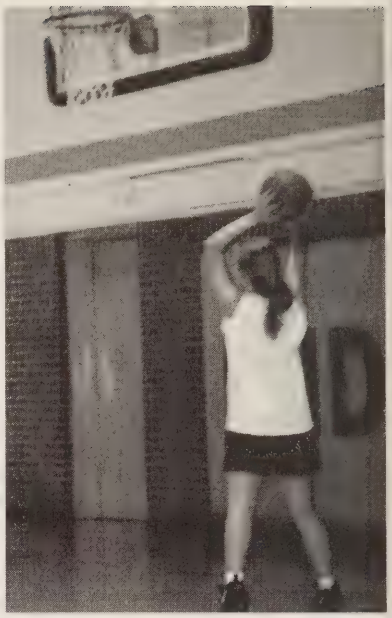
Senior Attendant: Amber Davis

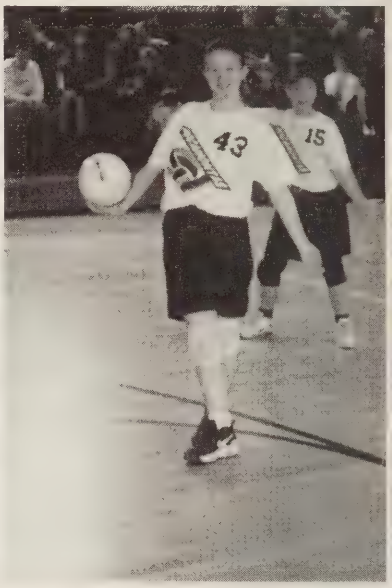
Senior Attendant: Randy Shupe

Senior Attendant: Jodi Groseclose



Senior Attendant: Daniel Williams





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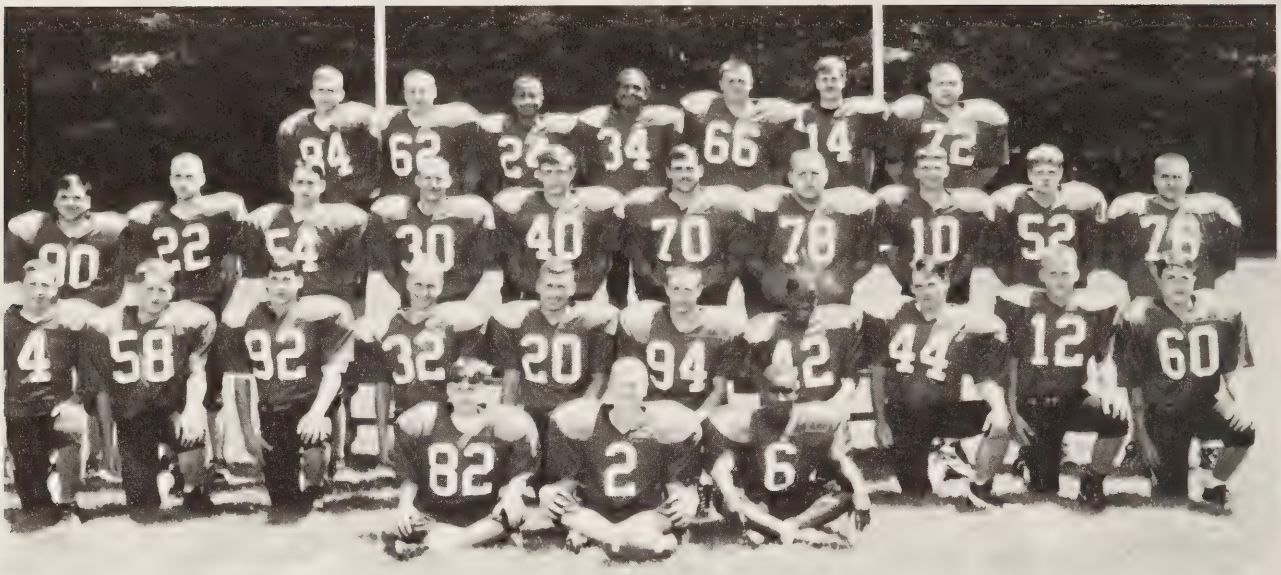
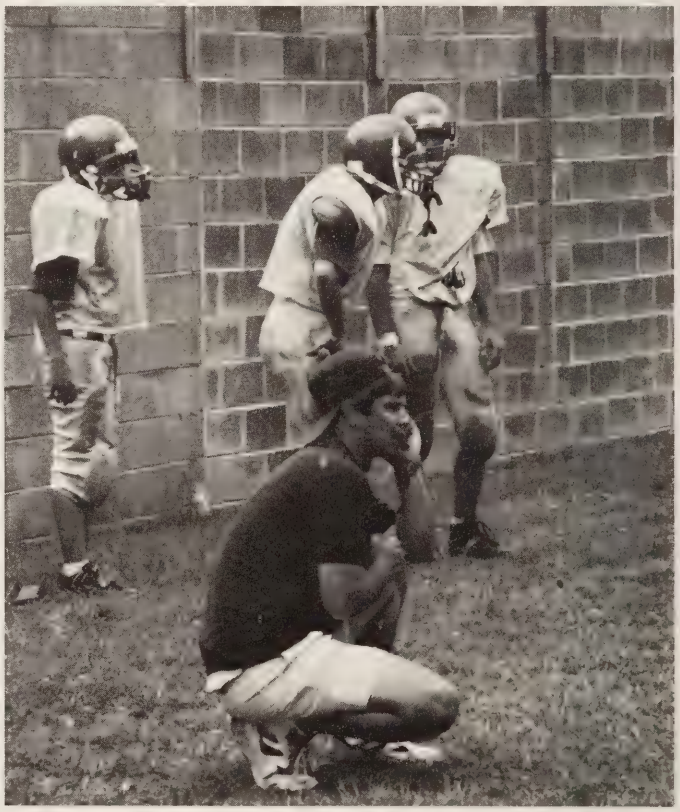
1997 Varsity Football



The Pocahontas Indian Football team was one that could be considered two seasons in one. The first half of the season, the Indians excited their fans with an impressive 4-1 start. The second half they saw things slip away as they lost four games in various ways. The Indians did make the playoffs for the sixth consecutive game. This made it a year to remember.

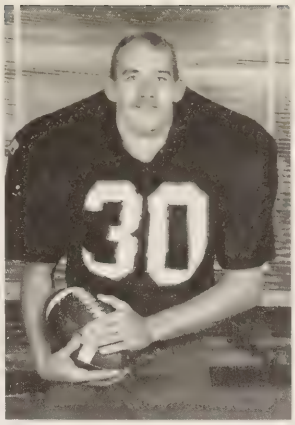


Head Coach: Bobby Wyatt

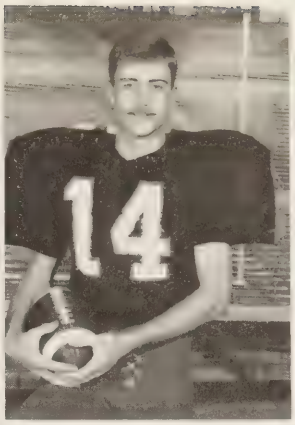
Assistant Coaches: Eric Yost, Eric Brown, Todd Baker, Billy Roach, and Steve Brady

Steven Boone
1st Team Defensive End
2nd Team Guard

Shannon Payne
1st Team Tackle



Randy Shupe
1st Team Back



Travis Nolley
2nd Team Defensive Back

Johnnie Dillon
1st Team Guard, 1st Team Linebacker; Defensive Player of the Year

Chris Woodard
2nd Team Back
1st Team Defensive Back

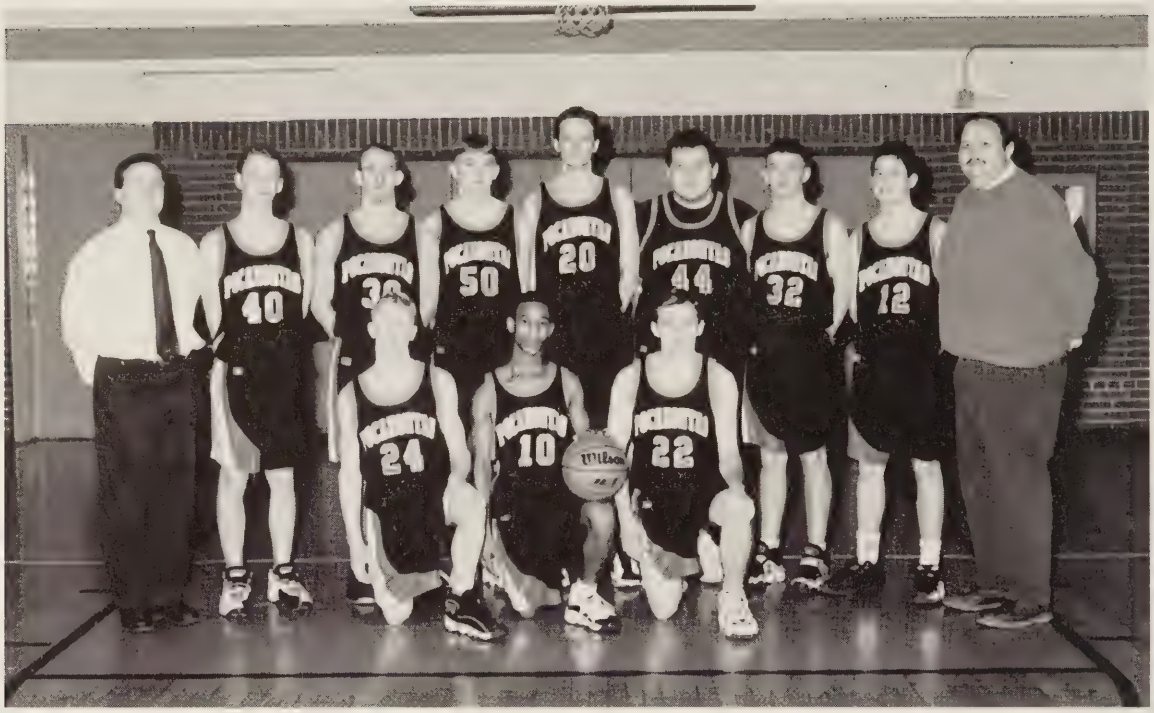
Jamie Nunley
2nd Team Defensive Lineman

Matt Stepp
Defensive Lineman

Honorable Mention

Aaron Thompson
Jason Crist
Eric Shupe
Damien Johnson
Derrick Phillips

Varsity Boys Basketball



Senior — David Murphy

Senior — Randy Shupe

Senior — Jason Crist

The 1997-1998 Pocahontas Indian Basketball team ended the season with a 4-16 record. Even though the Indians got off to a slow start, they were able to win four games in their last seven. Senior Dave Murphy who ended up scoring over 900 points and making the first team Mountain Empire District for the second year in a row led the team. He and fellow classmates, Randy Shupe and Jason Crist will be missed next year. Junior, Damien Johnson made second team all-district. Overall this group never gave up and played hard every game.

1997 Varsity Girls Basketball

We fought many battles this year, won some and fell short in others. Most importantly, the 1997 Varsity Girls Basketball team united, and left a mark in history at P.H.S. We brought pride into the school, and into the heart of every athlete.

First Team All District

Carie Nunley

Pamela Nunley

Seniors
Jodi Groseclose, Tara Creasy, Terri Groseclose, Robin Dawson

1997-98 Varsity Cheerleaders

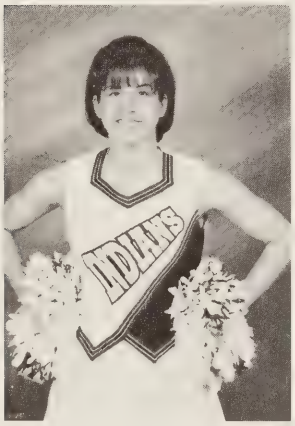
Jodi Groseclose, captain
Football-Basketball

April Clark, co-captain
Football

Robin Dawson
Football-Basketball

Terri Groseclose
Football-Basketball

In the past cheerleaders have been known as the forgotten athletes; however, the 1997-98 Varsity Cheerleaders changed this view. They worked hard to accomplish many goals. Their school spirit shined through in all occasions.



Carie Nunley
Football-Basketball

Wendy Nolley
Football

Amanda Godby
Football-Basketball

Misty Dillon
Football-Basketball

Varsity Volleyball

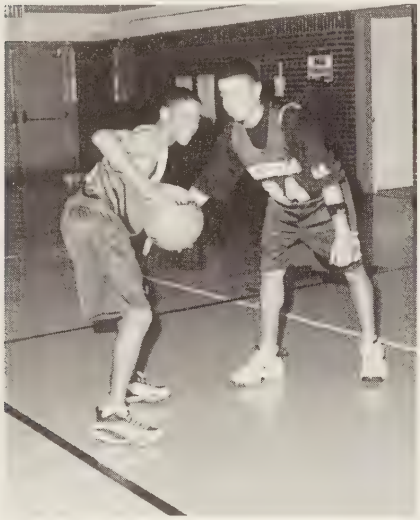
Nine dedicated members began the season in December with enthusiasm. This young team never gave up eagerness. Still looking for its first win, this squad battled until the final tournament game. This team is the team of the future.

Junior Varsity Volleyball

The JV Volleyball team worked very hard to overcome many obstacles this season. This team is a solid foundation to build a Varsity team on.

Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Although the JV basketball team finished their season with a no win record, Pocahontas High School really appreciates the hard work, and dedication. As the season continued the boys showed steady improvement in their performance. Good things are in store for this team.



Junior Varsity Girls Basketball

This year's team ended up the season with five district wins and a trip to the district J.V. tournament. Although defeated in the tournament, this team showed much improvement and dedication through the season. It will be a solid nucleus to build upon for the Varsity program.

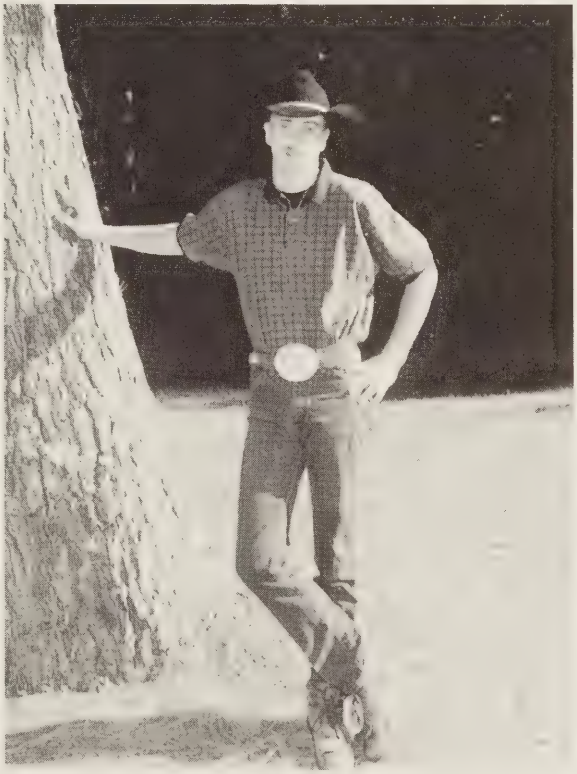
Varsity Track

The Varsity Track team had another great year. The team worked hard practicing vigorously every afternoon preparing for meets. The team showed great enthusiasm by supporting and cheering each other on during the events at the meets. The team's dedication toward each other and the coaches is to be commended.

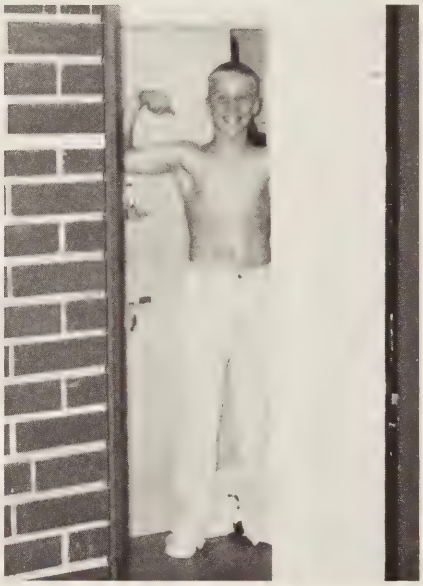
Golf

Our 1997-98 Golf Team had a few in numbers but much success in improvement of skills and talent. Our team is looking to younger athletes to rebuild. We are also looking to the upper class boys and girls to fill next years team.

Travis Nolley is a member of the Virginia High School Rodeo Association. This sport is dangerous, but rewarding. Travis won first place in the Virginia High School Rodeo in Tazewell last Fall.



Rodeo

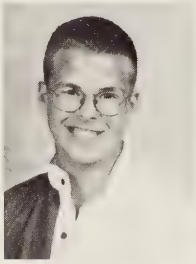
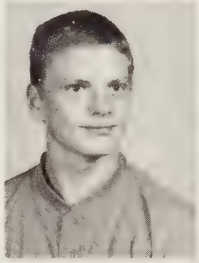


1997-98 Middle School

Class Of 2002

The P.H.S. Class of 2002 has had a very exciting year. Even though they had a lot of fun this year, it is time for them to move into high school. Now they have to worry about making every grade and class count to keep up their grade point average. But even though they plan to work hard to start their high school years right, they will also make their freshman year an unforgettable one.

Travis Bandy
Tony Booth
Travis Brewer
William Burton
Tera Cartwright

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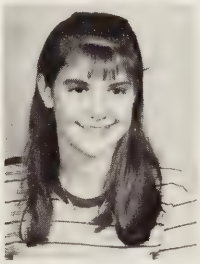
Samantha Creasy
Matthew Deskins
Leah Eighmy
Josua Faw



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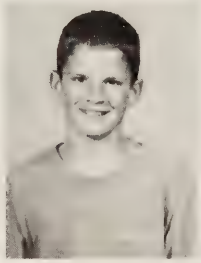
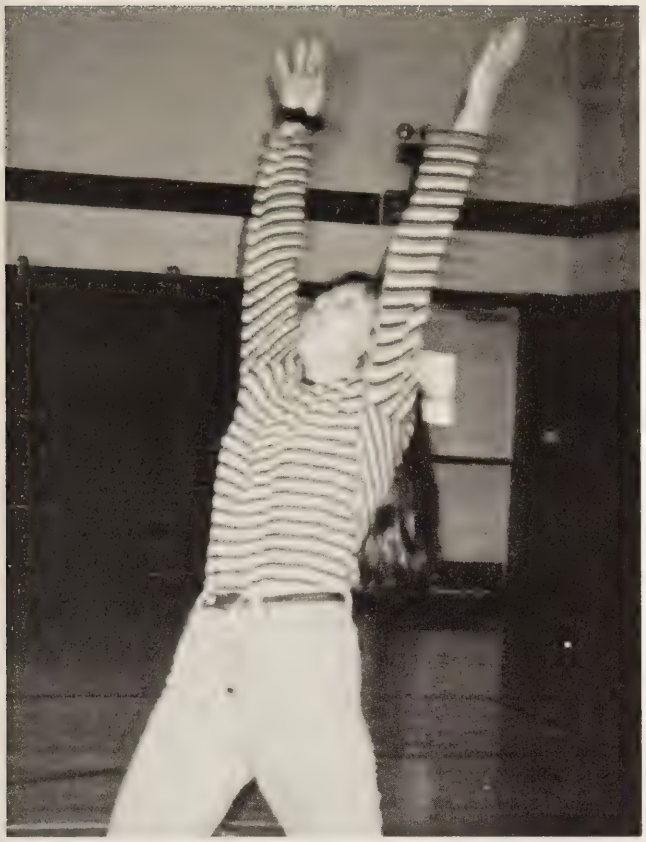
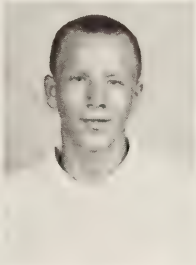
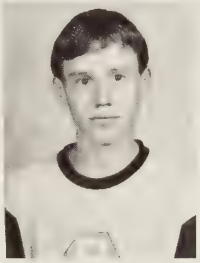
Levi Howell
Elizabeth Jones
Nathan Keller
Stephanie Lambert





Up, Up, and Away!!

Me and my tatoo.

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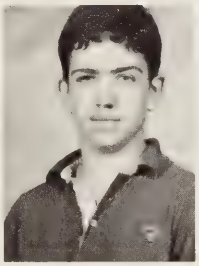
Zachary Nunley



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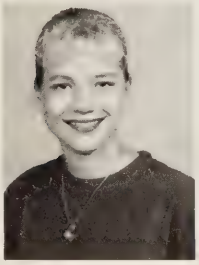

Dustin Thompson
Rhonda Trimm
Justin Vest

Not Pictured —
Jill Brooks

Class Of 2003

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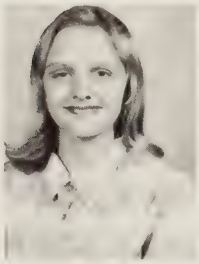

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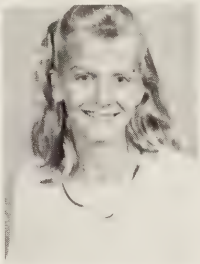

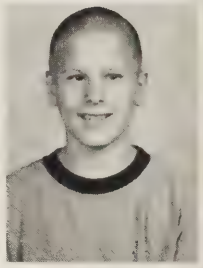

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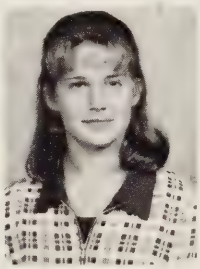
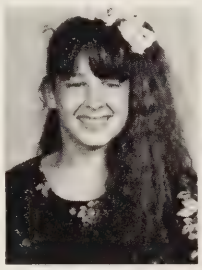

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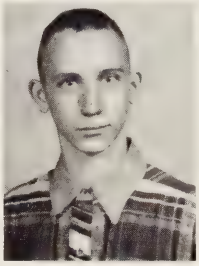
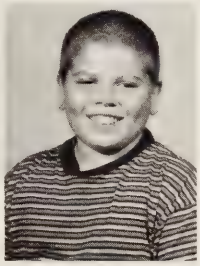
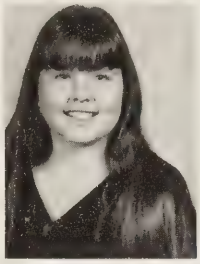



The class of 2003 immediately oriented onto Pocahontas Middle School by joining the football, basketball, and volleyball teams along with cheerleading and other school activities. For homecoming they wrote a musical skit. Their sponsors were Mrs. Austin and Mr. Brown

Tabitha Murphy
Erica Myers
Monica Nichols
Wayne Popp
Joseph Schroepfer



Robert Shattuck
Amanda Shupe
Dana Shupe
Rhonda Stroupe
Billy Syndergaard

Anthony Thomas
Amanda Vest

Not Pictured
Becky Davis
Floyd Lane
Julia Thompson

Bad hair day!

Wonder what they are up to?

Having Fun?

Come on Daniel the food isn't that bad.

The Art Club is open to any middle school student that shows an interest in art. It prepares students for their future art classes as well as the high school art club.

The middle school Model UN was organized this year by Mr. Stanley and membership is open to any seventh or eighth grade student who is enrolled in Civics and World Geography classes. The members will represent PHS at Bluefield State College in the spring.

Talent Search is a program designed to encourage students to complete high school, to choose a career, and to pursue a college education. It provides information, counseling, assistance, and tutoring.

Project Discovery is a program on the county level that assists students in grades 6-12 prepare for access to post-secondary education. Activities include 4-7 college campus visits per year, workshops guided towards entry into college, goal setting, study skills, financial aid, and exposure to cultural events.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes consist of 7th and 8th graders who participate in athletics during the school year, and live a life of Christian faith. We support our school functions in a variety of ways; from entering our representatives in the Homecoming Parade, to witnessing for Jesus Christ through the lives we live.

The Future Homemakers of America is a great experience for middle school students. It prepares them for obstacles they will face today, as well as in the future.

The Student Council is a new experience for the middle school students. They were younger and had less experience than the high school students, but that did not prevent them from joining in on all of the helpful and fun activities.

Hard at work.

High school isn't that bad.

What did Mrs. Bourne tell me to do?

Are you that hungry?

Homecoming Attendants

7th Grade: Michael Grose and Ashley Groseclose

8th Grade: Levi Howell and Cherish Haynes

7th Grade: Stevie Hypes and Monica Nichols

MAY DAY ATTENDANTS

8th Grade: James Milam and Stephanie Lambert

Snow Court Attendants

7th Grade: Daniel Marrs and Queen: Amanda Shupe

8th Grade: Dustin Thompson and Stephanie Lambert

Jr. High Football

F. Row: Anthony Thomas, Dustin Thompson, Nathan Keller, Joe Schroepfer, M. Row: John Lewis, Micheal Lane, James Milam, Travis Brewer, T. Row: Robert Shattuck, Josh Faw, Zach Nunley, Tony Boothe, B. J. Burton

The 1997 Pocahontas Middle School team suffered from a lack of numbers, but not a lack of spirit. Led by eighth graders Travis Brewer, James Milam, B. J. Burton, Dusty Thompson, Nathan Keller, Zach Nunley, Tony Boothe, and John Lewis, these boys worked hard every day and represented our school very well. Coaches Eric Brown and Bob McGraw gave this year's team high marks for their toughness. With any luck at all, these boys will go on to fine careers playing on the PHS varsity.

September 3	Richlands	October 1	Bland
September 10	Montcalm	October 11	Graham
September 17	Pikeview	October 16	Peterstown
September 24	Tazewell	October 22	Moncalm

Jr. High Boys Basketball Team

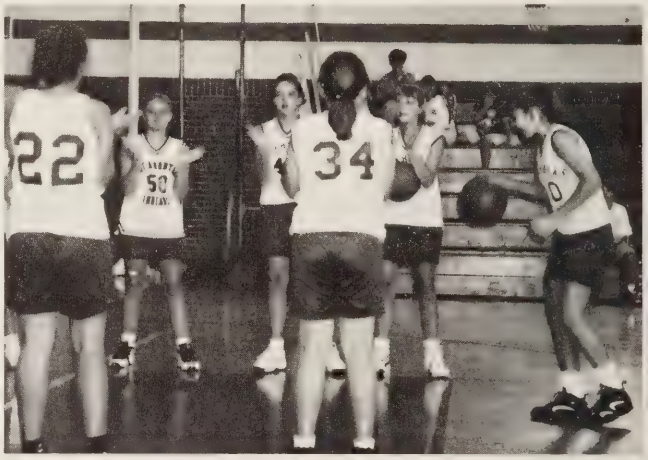
The Jr. High Boys Basketball Team worked hard to develop their individual and team skills this season. The team made good progress in preparing for their J.V. and Varsity careers.

1st row: Dustin Thompson, Tony Boothe, Levi Howell, Stevie Hypes, Josh Faw, M. J. Syndergaard, Zack Nunley 2nd row: Coach Bob McGraw, Anthony Thomas, Josh Dawson, Daniel Jennings, Daniel Marrs, Nathan Keller, Billy Syndergaard, Coach Mike Truman, Not Pictured: William Gullion

Jr. High Girls Basketball

F. Row: Samantha Creasy, Ashley Groseclose T. Row: Tabitha Murphy, Stephanie Lambert, Cortne Myles, Tara Cartwright, Toni Hunley

The Jr. High basketball team started off the year with quite a few more than last year. They lost a couple of players to the J.V. but they still made out ok. They lost a lot and won a few, but still had a lot of fun.

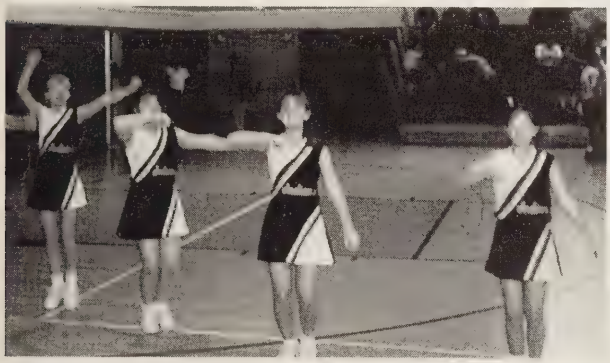


Coach: Gilla Bradshaw

Jr. High Cheerleaders

Stephanie Hagar, Barbara Gillispie, Linda Trigg

The Jr. High Cheerleading Squad did an excellent job cheering for the football and basketball teams. Although there were only two returned from last year, they still came together and made the adjustments that they needed to have a great year.



1st row: Amanda Shupe, Erica Myers 2nd row: Jill Howell, Ashley Groseclose, Monica Nichols 3rd row: Cortni Myles 4th row: Samantha Creasy, Captain

Jr. High Volleyball

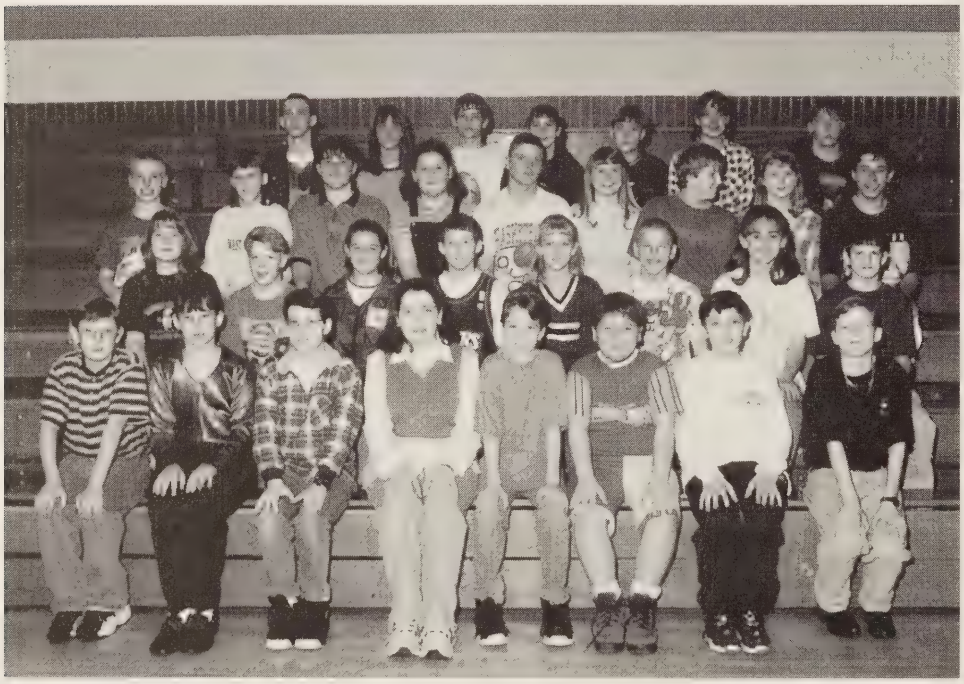
The 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams had a promising season. Both teams show great potential and will one day make an outstanding Varsity team.

1st row: Julia Thompson, Dana Shupe, Amanda Shupe, Becky Davis, Toni Hunley, Jill Howell, Monica Nichols 2nd row: Erica Myers, Tabitha Murphy, Tera Cartwright, Beth Jones, Samantha Creasy, Stephanie Lambert

Coach: Linda Trigg

Assistant Coaches: Jessica Moore, Amber Taylor, Robin Shupe, Monica Cartwright

Jr. High Track



1st row: Anthony Thomas, Toni Hunley, Geoffrey Moore, Megan Hurley, Michael Grose, Timothy Lewis, Billy Syndergaard, John Lewis 2nd row: Jill Howell, Josh Dawson, Erica Myers, Daniel Jennings, Ashley Groseclose, Shawn Haney, Monica Nichols, Nathan Keller 3rd row: Dustin Thompson, Adriane Rutherford, Michael Lane, Tera Cartwright, Travis Bandy, Cherish Haynes, Stevie Hypes, Beth Jones, Matt Thomas 4th row: William Lambert, Stephanie Lambert, Joseph Schroepfer, Samantha Creasy, Josh Faw, Courtne Myles, Robert Shattuck

Coaches:
Mike Truman and Eric Yost

The Jr. High Track team earned distinction in the county and in the district as hard working and dedicated. Several individuals earned honors and the team showed great promise.

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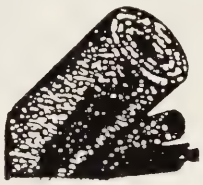

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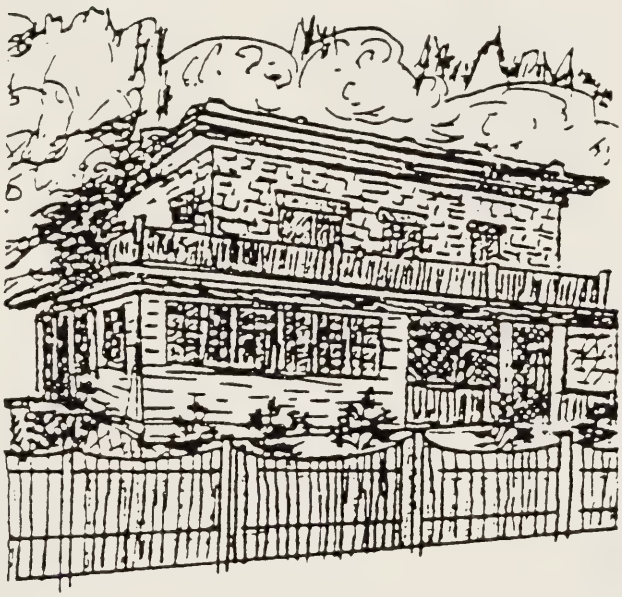

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Dad, Mom, & Robert

The words pride and joy could both be spelled "STEVEN". You are truly our pride and joy. Congratulations, best wishes, and much happiness.

We Love You,
Dad & Mom

Tara,

You walked on your toes when you were little, not it's time to reach for the stars! We are very proud of our little ballerina. Congratulations!!

We Love You Very Much,
Mom & Dad

Sara,

Congratulations Sis, you did it, right on time too! We love you and realize it wasn't easy leaving your family and friends in Middle Tennessee and moving to Virginia. High school graduation is a time of celebration, not a time to stop learning. You can become anyone you want, because we'll do whatever it takes to see you achieve your goals.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Eric,

We are so proud of you, you've made it! May all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Eva

Alisha,

You were six months old and full of fun.
With a blink of my eye, you were suddenly one.
There were so many things we were going to do.
But I turned my back and you turned two.
At two you were dependent on me,
But independence took over when you turned three.
Your third birthday, another year I tried to ignore.
But when I lit the candles, there weren't three, but four.
Four was the year you really strived,
Why look at you now, you're already five.
Now you are ready for books and for rules,
This is the year you go to school.
The big day came, you were anxious to go,
We walked to the bus, going oh, so slow.
As you climbed aboard and waved goodbye,
I felt a lump in my throat and tears stung my eyes.
Time goes by so fast, it's hard to believe
That just yesterday you were here with me.
And tomorrow when the bus brings you home,
And you jumped to the ground;
You'll be wearing your cap and graduation gown.
So I'm holding to these moments and cherishing them daily.
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Robin,

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Congratulations April!

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Terri,

You will always be Daddy's little girl. I'm very proud of you. Continue the hard work and you will succeed in anything you will set out to do.

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Jodi,

Congratulations on all your accomplishments. You have been a blessing and I'm very proud of the young woman you have become.

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Congratulations Angie,

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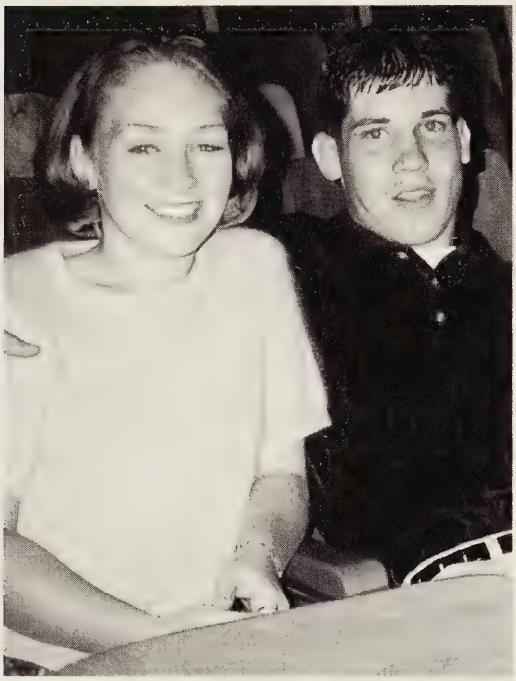

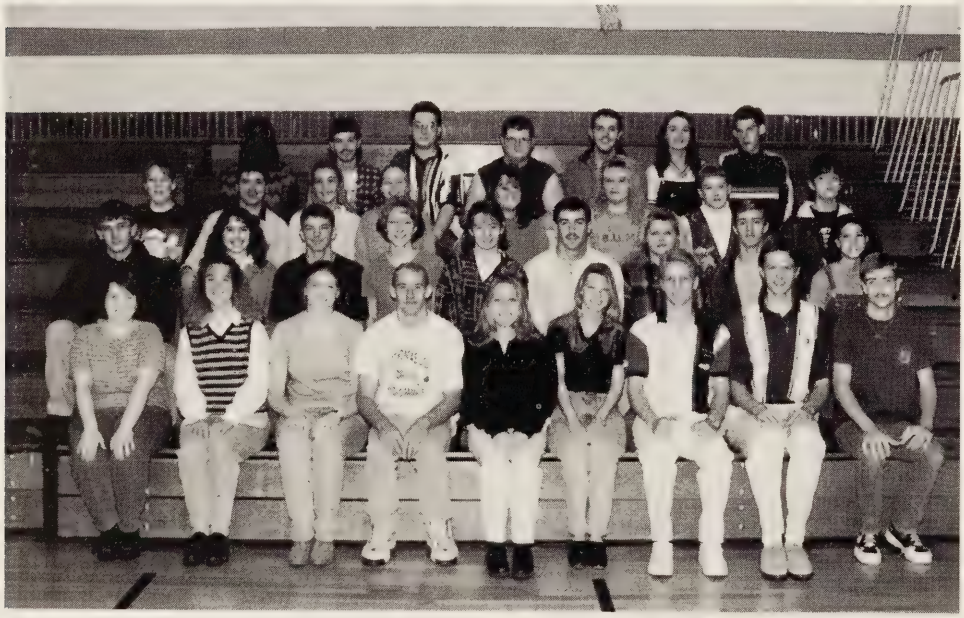

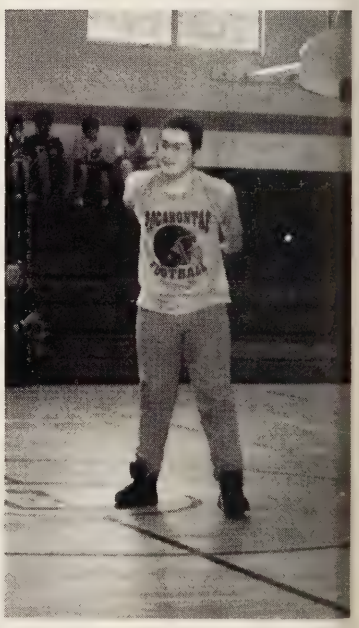

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